



The Tishomingo High School marching band performs during last year's Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival parade. Make plans now to attend the 49th Annual Meeting and 21st Chickasaw Festival Sept. 26 through Oct. 3 in Tishomingo.

Make plans now to attend Annual Meeting, Festival!

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The city of Tishomingo, the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur and WinStar Golf Course are just a few of the many venues to be featured during the 49th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 21st Annual Chickasaw Festival.

Activities begin September 26 and culminate October 3 in Tishomingo.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will deliver the "State of the Nation" address during the Annual Meeting. The address is 9 a.m. Saturday, October 3 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College (MSC) in Tishomingo.

"Our culture and history come to life for all Chickasaws and our neighbors during the Annual Meeting and Festival," said Governor Anoatubby.

Immediately following Governor's "State of the Nation" address, Tishomingo's Main Street will be the scene of the Festival Parade, one of the largest parades in the area.

A wide variety of exciting events and activities will be conducted throughout Tishomingo October 3, including the historic Chickasaw Capitol, Pennington Park, Murray State College campus, Johnston County Sports complex and other venues. Events include cultural and dance troupe demonstrations on the capitol grounds, the traditional Chickasaw lunch on the MSC campus, a Chickasaw artists' exhibition, Chickasaw White House tours, a horse-shoe tournament and more. A gospel singing will take place Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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New legislators in Pontotoc, Pickens



Scott Colbert



Barbara Smith



Holly Easterling



Nancy Elliott



Shana Tate Hammond



David Woerz

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder announced the results of the Chickasaw Nation general election on July 28.

Nancy Elliott, of Ada, was

elected to Pontotoc District Seat 2 with 57.7% of the vote. Mrs. Elliott defeated challengers Sandra Renee Gibson and Leon D. Brown, of Ada, and Todd Griffith, of Newcastle.

That seat became open when incumbent legislator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker resigned to accept a position as administra-

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'Honky Tonk' opens McSwain

ADA, Okla. - A familiar and exciting site greeted those driving down Main Street in Ada on the evening of Saturday, July 25 - a line of eager ticket holders, nearly a block long, waiting to see the latest at the McSwain Theatre.

"It's so exciting to see these doors open again," said area resident Ann Lancaster. "This has always been the place to come for good, family entertainment and it's wonderful to have it back."

"Looks like we have plans for many Saturday nights to come!" she said.

A crowd of more than 500 greeted country music recording artists Mark Wills, Trent Willmon and Jeff Bates as they presented "Honky Tonk Tailgate Party '09."

A week before the grand reopening, Gov. Bill Anoatubby



A young patron fits his hands into the handprints of country music legend Mae Boren Axton in front of the McSwain Theatre.

was joined by tribal legislators, citizens and employees at a ribbon cutting and dedication service for the McSwain.

"Keeping culture and history alive is very important to

the Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Anoatubby. "The McSwain has been a jewel in the crown of the city of Ada for

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Cole and Cord Keeling, of Ada, at Chikasha Saya Camp.

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Governor Bill Anoatubby and Ruby June McSwain Scott, center, are joined by Ada city leaders, tribal officials and employees as they cut the ribbon on the newly-renovated McSwain Theatre.

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decades, and I believe that will remain true for many years to come."

Foster McSwain built the

theater in 1920. Ruby June McSwain Scott, his first cousin, was delighted with the new and improved theater.

"It's just gorgeous!" she said. "It brings back so many memories from when I was a little girl."

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on the capitol grounds' west lot. Local and professional singers and groups will be on stage to entertain the crowd.

A number of other events are planned throughout the week, beginning with Junior Olympics in Tishomingo and a Golf Tournament at WinStar Golf

Course Sept. 26; Chickasaw Princess Pageant in Ada Sept. 28; Arts and Culture Awards in Ada Sept 29; and Cultural day at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Friday, Oct. 2.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules is available on the back page of this is-

sue of the Chickasaw Times and online at www.chickasaw.net. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Festival office at (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

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Cultural Center to host celebration

SULPHUR, Okla. - The new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur will be the site of a day of Chickasaw culture Friday, Oct. 2. The festivities begin at 11 a.m. and end at 8 p.m., and are a part of the Chickasaw Nation 49th Annual Meeting and 21st Annual Meeting.

A "Behind the Scenes" film presentation of the Cultural Center planning, design and construction will be featured in the Anoli Theater beginning at 11 a.m. The film will run every half hour.

A picnic box lunch will be

available at noon at the Amimpa Café.

A day of special performances, vignettes, historical reenactments and cultural demonstrations are planned at the amphitheater.

Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen's work will be on display at the Aattifama Gathering Room, and an evening meal will be served at 5 p.m. at the Traditional Village.

The Chickasaw Dance Troupe and cultural demonstrations will also be featured at the Traditional Village.

The evening will be capped off with a showing of the movie "Pearl" in the Anoli Theater.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is a state-of-the-art facility designed to preserve Chickasaw culture and serve as an educational facility where the story of the Chickasaw Nation can be shared.

The Cultural Center is also designed to be a clearinghouse for study, scholarship and research of Chickasaws and Southeastern tribal culture.

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Mrs. Scott, a Chickasaw citizen, was one day shy of 91 at the time of the ribbon cutting.

"It's a very special way to celebrate my birthday, being here for this piece of history," she said.

The Spanish Mission style building was the scene of several high profile events over the years.

"King of the Cowboys" Roy Rogers, "Queen of the West" Dale Evans and Gabby Hayes made an appearance at the McSwain for the 1946 world premiere of "Home in Oklahoma."

Academy-award winning actress Susan Hayward and co-star Robert Preston appeared at the McSwain for the "Tulsa" world premier in 1949.

More recently, the McSwain stage hosted country music star and Ada native Blake Shelton, who was a regular performer at the theatre for two years before he moved to Nashville.

Purchased by the Chickasaw Nation in 2002, the historic theater has recently undergone extensive renovations and is now ready to reclaim its status as a beacon of entertainment for southeastern Oklahoma.

Renovations included equipping the 1920s-era facility with modern amenities including

elevators and accessibility for handicapped patrons.

In addition to redesigned stage area that features state of the art lighting and sound, the first floor and balcony include seating for up to 560.

The second floor contains an additional viewing area with a large video screen as well as an art gallery. The third floor will be used for office space.

Located directly east of the McSwain is the annex building, which houses a snack bar, dressing rooms, prop storage and allows access into the main buildings' art gallery and offices.

Aside from the cosmetic improvements, the renovation included construction that restored the structural integrity of the buildings.

An exciting line up of events is already scheduled for the theater, including a revival of the traditional live music, independent film screenings and magic shows.

For additional information, including a full calendar and ticket information, contact the McSwain office at (580) 332-8108 or visit www.mcswaintheatre.com.

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Doors open for the first public event held at the newly-renovated McSwain Theatre Saturday, July 25 in Ada.

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Good stewardship of resources essential to our tribal growth

The future of the Chickasaw people is very bright. We have many choices before us that will, over time, help fulfill our tribal mission, "To enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw People."

It's exciting to be part of the tremendous growth of the Chickasaw Nation. We have been blessed with a number of opportunities that have greatly assisted in our tribal growth. That growth has led to expansion of essential programs, services and initiatives that serve our people.

We understand that the opportunities before us take time to mature and that proper execution by those of us who serve you is exceptionally important. Creating a workable plan is crucial. It is equally important to make the commitment to "stick with it" all the way to completion.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we operate with a strategic plan. This plan contains strategic objectives – the big things we want to achieve over time to make our tribe stronger. Objectives typically speak to the way we do things, rather than some specific project. For example, "Build the Chickasaw Cultural Center" is obviously a very important project, but would not fit as a strategic objective.

One of our tribal strategic objectives is "Optimize the Use of Resources." The objective speaks to an over-



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arching theme that will impact the entire tribal organization. It is obviously a good idea to make the best use of resources provided. Next, we must break down the objective so it can be translated into action by the tribal divisions and departments.

The first part of this objective states "Chickasaw Nation employees will practice good stewardship by ensuring resources are being used in a manner that ensures maximum benefit. The Chickasaw Nation will work towards financial independence, developing new funding sources and needed services while evaluating the benefit of existing services."

That is a tall order, but if we are serving the Chickasaw people properly, wise use of our tribal resources is imperative. We encourage our division administrators, department heads and all employees to analyze how resources are applied, and we seek their input. Citizen needs must be met, and we don't want to be wasteful as we com-

plete those tasks. We have been entrusted to manage your resources properly and to do so means avoiding the "auto pilot" response. We don't do things simply because that's how they have always been done. We do things for the benefit of our citizens.

We are continually seeking new sources of funding, whether federal, private, commercial or other. There

is never a stopping point regarding growth. As in any business, the environment can change, and it can change rapidly. Sales can go up and down, and income which may have come from one source last year may have to be replaced with a new source this year.

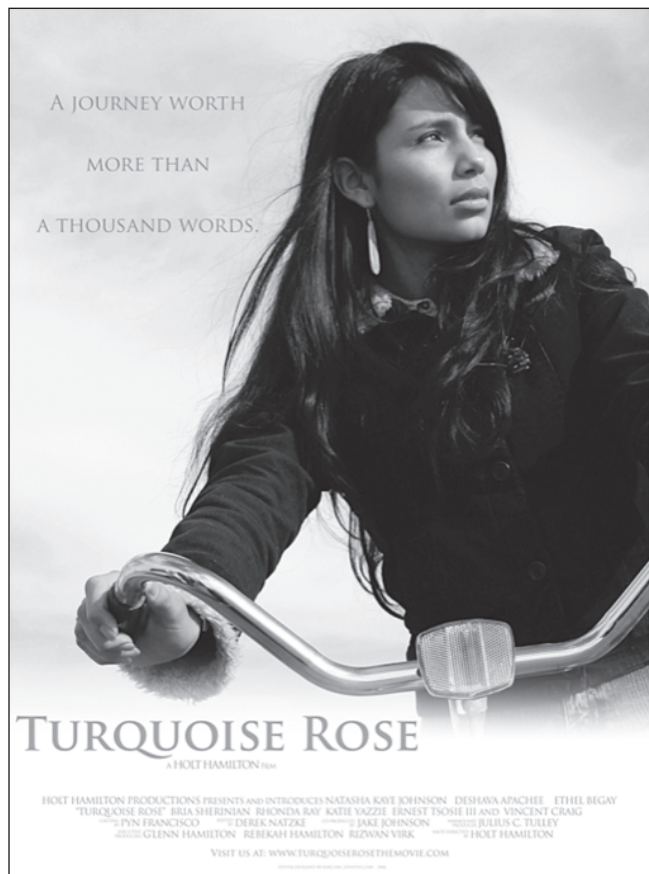
It is critical that all our tribal workers remember the Chickasaw Nation is continually working toward financial independence. We are a long way down that road, but we must not take our success for granted. That means we must not only be good stewards of what we have, we must be always searching for new financial opportunities. New businesses, new partnerships, new initiatives are constantly under review. Our drive for financial independence means we make our own decisions as a tribal government, and we continually seek to fulfill our tribal mission by focusing on improving the lives of the Chickasaw people.

Our other points under "Optimize Use of Resources" include improving financial planning, improving funding efficiency and increasing funding for support programs. These elements all dovetail with the initial idea – we are going to be good stewards of resources and we are going to put into action the operations that will ensure good stewardship and tribal growth.

These objectives take time, but they are the right things to do. A five- to 10-year time horizon is not unusual. I am committed to seeing each of our objectives in place, and our tribe always "on the grow."

We will continue this series on our tribal direction with more discussion of Chickasaw Nation priorities and objectives for the future.

McSwain to host film series beginning Aug. 25



ADA, Okla. - "Turquoise Rose," a film by Navajo writer/director Holt Hamilton, will be the first feature in the Holba' Kana'li (Moving Pictures) Film Series beginning 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 25, at the McSwain Theatre in Ada.

Hosted by the Division of Arts and Humanities, the series intends to bring focus to Native American-made independent films.

"We hope to bring more exposure to Native American filmmaking to the people of the Chickasaw Nation and the community as a whole," said James Wallace, Performing Arts Coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

Written in 2003 while Hamilton was deployed in Iraq, "Turquoise Rose" is the story of Turquoise, an urban college student and photographer who is forced to choose between traveling through Europe and returning to the reservation to take care of her ailing grandmother.

Tickets are \$3 at the door. For more information, contact Mr. Wallace at (580) 272-5520.

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Ada Area Job Fair set for August 27

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation will host the ninth annual Ada Area Job Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, August 27, at the Chickasaw Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, in Ada.

"If you have been looking for a career that you can be proud of, then come out and see what the Ada Area Job Fair has to offer you," said Darrell Walker, manager of Chickasaw Nation Career Services Department.

More than 50 employers are seeking workers with varying levels of skills and experience in a wide variety of fields including health care, finance, retail, transportation, customer service, distribution, mechanical, food services, construction, manufacturing, oil field, industrial maintenance and more.

This event is open to the public and no prior registration is needed. Come

dressed for success and ready for a job interview to be conducted on site by many of the participating businesses.

"This is a great opportunity to find a job in the rough economic atmosphere or if you have a job to find a new job that would advance your career to the next level," said Walker.

Vendors wishing to obtain a booth space need to pre-register by contacting Walker at (580) 436-7294.

The ninth annual Ada Area Job Fair is sponsored by The Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Southern Workforce Board, Department of Human Services, Citizens Bank, McCall's Chapel and Murray State College.

For more information, contact Mari Plumlee at (580) 272-0733 or Darrell Walker at (580) 436-7294.

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Pre-1949 veterans eligible for D.C. trip

Application deadline for the 2009 Chickasaw veterans' trip to Washington, D.C. is Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Scheduled for November 9-13, the trip gives Chickasaw veterans the opportunity to spend Veterans Day exploring the nation's capital.

All Chickasaw elders who served prior to 1949 are eligible, with preference given to World War II veterans.

To apply, one must fill out a Veterans Information Form. The forms can be found online at www.chickasaw.net. Those without internet access can also apply by calling the Division on Aging office.

For more information, contact Stacy Wesberry at (580) 795-9790.

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A family legacy of health care

Dr. Parker relishes new role as Health System administrator

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker recently began a new chapter in her career when she was named Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) administrator. Her roots are planted deep in Indian and U.S. health care - and the Chickasaw Nation.



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker

Dr. Parker, through many different roles, has been an integral part of the Chickasaw Nation for the past 24 years. She served as a nurse educator at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility (CAIHF) for one year prior to becoming an instructor and professor of nursing at East Central University (ECU), where she has served since 1985.

In addition to her role at ECU, Dr. Parker became a familiar face to Chickasaws. She served on the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature as a Pontotoc District representative for the past 15 years.

Dr. Parker sees her service in the legislature as experience that will aid her in her current role as administrator. She will bring a unique perspective to the job because of her involvement in the legislative side of tribal government for many years.

"It may sound strange, but being a legislator was the best nursing job I ever had," Dr. Parker said. "I felt that I was taking care of an aggregate of patients through my work."

"Dr. Parker is an innovative leader and successful business professional," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Her dynamic leadership and dedication have made her an exemplary role model. She has a strong dedication to community service and has been a vital part of improving health care and education for many years."

Through her years of service, Dr. Parker has seen first-hand the immense strides made in Chickasaw health care. In 1994, upon her election to the tribal legislature, one of the first important accomplishments was the compact between the Chickasaw Nation and the U.S. Indian Health Service. With the compact, the Chickasaw Nation assumed authority for Indian health care in the IHS service unit surrounding the tribal headquarters city of Ada, Okla.

Now, in a new era of health care within the Chickasaw Nation, Dr. Parker has a fundamental and leadership role in the construction of the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. The state-of-the-art, 370,000 square-foot facility is scheduled to open in 2010.

Dr. Parker's path into medicine began many years ago. Her father, the late Bill F. Goforth, was a health care administrator and the family literally lived at the hospital where he worked when she was a young child.

About age six, Dr. Parker's family relocated to Atoka, Okla., and she fondly remembers visiting the hospital where her father worked. Later in his career, Mr. Goforth became one of the first CAIHF employees. Dr. Parker quickly followed in her father's footsteps, becoming a nurse's aide at age 16.

"It's all I've ever known," said Dr. Parker of her family's legacy in health care, "It's what we do."

Even after retiring, her father remained in the health care field. He served as a CAIHF volunteer for six years, a role which her mother, Nell Goforth, assumed after Mr. Goforth's death three years ago.

Dr. Parker is grateful to her parents and family for the way she was raised. Her family showed her, Dr. Parker said, that through hard work, dedication and determination, anything is possible.

Today, Dr. Parker passes along those same values and life skills to her own children, Mahate and Wyas. Mahate is a fourth-year medical student at the University of North Dakota. After



Dr. Parker signs her first birth certificate as administrator of CNHS.

Mike McKee

graduation, she plans to return to the Chickasaw Nation and offer her skills as a physician.

Wyas is a senior at East Central University majoring in mass communications with a minor in music.

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Hundreds of fugitives captured in U.S. Marshals' effort

Lighthorse officers participate in Operation Falcon

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police officers recently teamed with several law enforcement agencies to keep the community safe during Operation FALCON (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally).

Dozens of fugitives were arrested locally by Lighthorse officers during Operation FALCON, a week-long fugitive apprehension effort involving 26 counties in the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

Fourteen Lighthorse officers worked on the effort, said Chickasaw Lighthorse Major George "Ca-Te" Jesse.

"We only worked in the Pontotoc County area and made several warrant arrests and also made a few narcotics arrests on individuals who were not on our (warrant) list," he said.

Maj. Jesse estimated 20 fugitives were arrested locally the first day of the round-the-clock operation.

Statewide, 569 fugitives were apprehended and 994 warrants cleared during the operation, according to U.S. Marshal John W. Loyd.

Operation FALCON 2009, the sixth in the series of U.S. Marshals Service-led

fugitive apprehension initiatives, partnered Deputy U.S. marshals with local police, sheriffs, state troopers and other federal agencies. Manpower and resources were dedicated to removing as many violent offenders from our streets and communities as possible while clearing backlogged warrants from law enforcement's files.

This year marks the second time Lighthorse Police Department has participated in the effort.

In the Ada area, the Pontotoc, Johnston, and Atoka County Sheriff's Offices, District 22 Drug Task Force, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Ada and Allen Police Departments also participated in the effort.

"Good teamwork among law enforcement agencies throughout Eastern Oklahoma is standard," said Loyd. "But a spirit of cooperation rising to this level for an endeavor this massive is unprecedented."

"By targeting our state's most dangerous fugitives, our law enforcement partners have ensured that many victims of these violent crimes will finally see their offenders standing before the

court. Each participating deputy, officer and agent should take pride in the exceptional role they played in helping to create a safer Oklahoma."

Since its inception in 2005, Operation FALCON has made 91,086 arrests and cleared 117,874 warrants. It continues

to be the largest and most successful fugitive apprehension effort in U.S. Marshals history.

Arrests targeted fugitives wanted for crimes of violence, sex offenders, gang members and narcotics violations.

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Language Club 'Back to School Fun Day' set for August 15

"Back To School Fun Day" is the theme for the August meeting of The Chickasaw Nation Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club.

The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, August 15 at the Chickasaw Nation old gym in Ada, Okla. Participants will celebrate starting a new school year learn about Chickasaw words related to school.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life.

One Saturday each month the club meets to learn Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words. Club meetings are open to all children ages three to 12 who are interested in learning the Chickasaw language.

To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Teresa McDonald at (580) 272-5310, teresa.mcdonald@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/ccs.

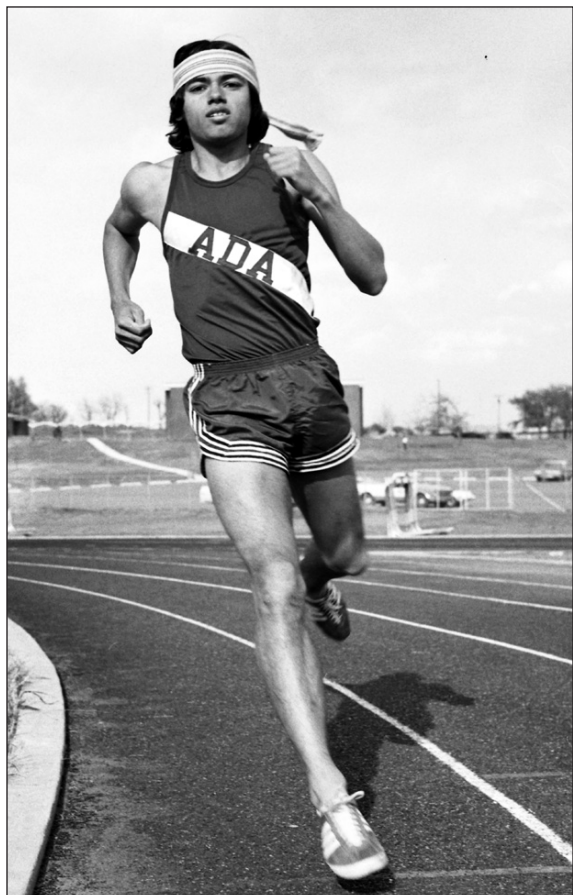
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'Greatest Indian high school sprinter'

Chickasaw runner Carlin Thompson honored for achievements

Carlin Thompson was recently honored by Sequoyah (OK) High School. Sequoyah officials named the 400-meter race in their annual track meet "The Carlin Thompson 400."

Mr. Thompson, a Chickasaw and former Oklahoma state champion runner, was honored by the school for his exploits as a member of the Ada (OK) High School track team. Mr. Thompson helped lead the school to four state championships in the early 1970s.



By his senior year, everyone expected Carlin to break the state record in the 440 yard dash.

Photo courtesy of Ada Evening News.

"It was a big honor to have a race named after me. After all these years I wasn't expecting anyone to remember me," Mr. Thompson said with a chuckle.

He said attending the event and meeting the team members brought back a lot of memories – plus some of those old competitive urges.

"In my mind, I felt like I was ready to compete with them, but physically, I knew I couldn't," he said.

During his four years as a member of the Ada High track team, Mr. Thompson won 297 medals, bowls, cups and trophies.

He was 220-yard (200 meter) and 440-yard (400 meter) state 3A champion in 1970, 1971 and 1972.

He led his team to a 3A state championship in the mile run (1600 meter) in 1970, 1971 and 1972.

He led the Ada 440-yard relay team to a 3A state championship in 1972.

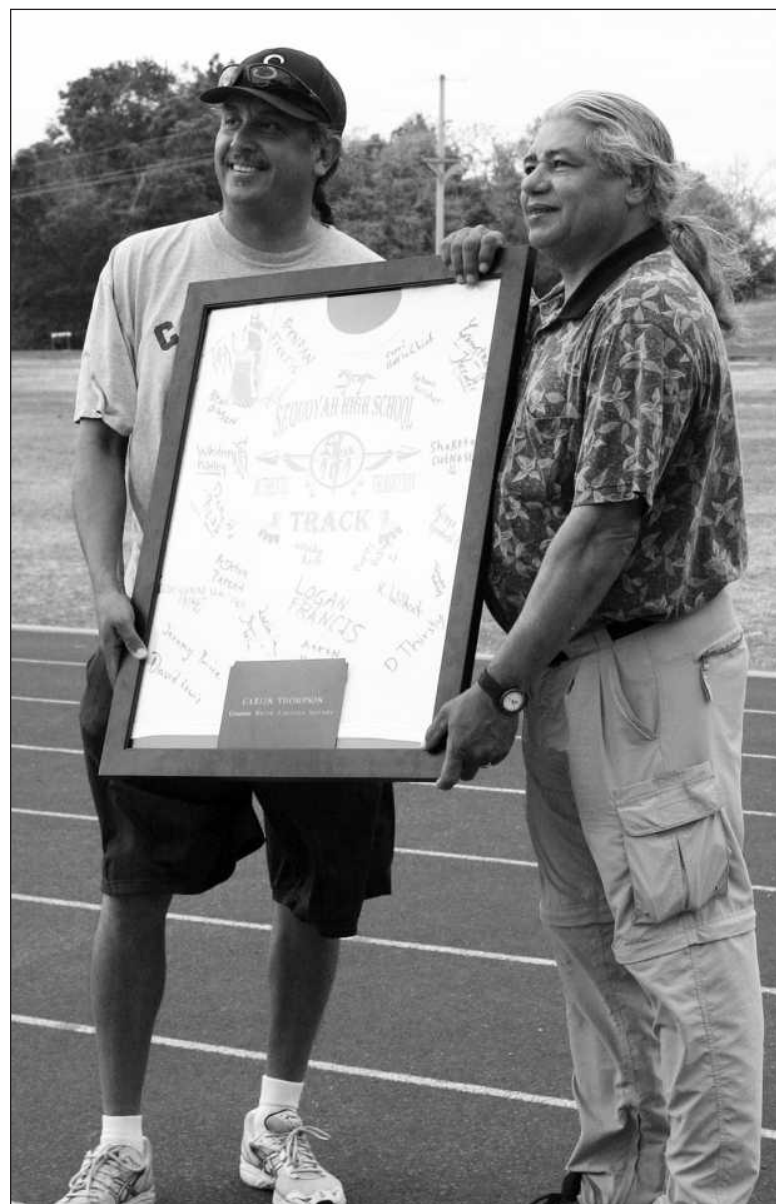
In a recent *Chickasaw Times* article by Richard Green, former Ada teammate Chuck Roberts said Mr. Thompson did not lose a race his junior or senior year.

"Carlin was and is by far the greatest American Indian high school sprinter in Oklahoma history," said Sequoyah's Lamont Frazier, who did considerable research in preparation for the presentation.

Track coach Sam HorseChief presented Mr. Thompson a framed Sequoyah High School Track T-shirt signed by all the members of the track team. In the upper left hand corner of the frame is a photo of Mr. Thompson running in competition for the Ada High School track team.

A plaque on the frame states simply CARLIN THOMPSON "Greatest Native American Sprinter."

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Carlin Thompson, right, accepts a plaque in his honor from Sequoyah High School track coach Sam HorseChief. Sequoyah named its 400-meter race after Mr. Thompson, a state champion Ada High School runner from 1969-1972.

Tribe recognized for support of employees in military



Special Assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown, left, accepts the award from Brig. Gen. Gary Bray (ret.), Oklahoma Committee Chair of ESGR.

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation was recently honored by a National Guard support organization with an "Above and Beyond Award." The award was presented during the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve annual awards banquet June 27 in Oklahoma City.

This award is presented to organizations that go beyond the legal requirements for granting leave and providing support for military duty by their employees.

U.S. Rep. Mary Fallin, who represents Oklahoma's Fifth District in Congress, addressed the award recipients.

"Not since World War II, when our 45th Division served so admirably in Europe, have Oklahoma's citizen soldiers been so called abroad to serve our nation," said Rep. Fallin. "That is why your support is vital."

"You are just as much a patriot and a soldier for our nation as the men and women who have enlisted, because in the end, we are all Americans and we are all Oklahomans and we are all standing up and defending the greatness of this

nation," she said. "We have to do it together as Americans."

Brig. Gen. Gary Bray (ret.), Oklahoma Committee State Chair of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, presented the award to Kennedy Brown, special assistant to Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

Brig. Gen. Bray said that because our nation faces a threat different than any other time in history, it was more essential than ever for employers to support members of the National Guard and Reserve.

Chickasaw Nation support for members of the National Guard and Reserve and other military personnel includes care packages, counseling for employees and family members, equipment, transportation assistance, as well as events to support and welcome returning troops.

"These men and women make great sacrifices to protect and defend our nation and our freedom," Gov. Anoatubby said. "They deserve our support and gratitude for their valiant efforts to preserve our way of life."

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We can be very proud of our McSwain Theatre

Hello Everyone! Sometimes what we think is just going to be an "ordinary" day turns out to really be an extraordinary day! And here is a good place for me to mention that I personally think there is never such a thing as an "ordinary" day. We should relish something special about every single day – but anyway, my reference this time is to the grand opening of the restored and renovated McSwain Theatre in Ada. We were privileged to attend this event along with many others and it is really awesome. Another item you need to add to your "to-see" list for when you are in Ada or when you are coming home for this summer's Festival. The three-story theatre is a beautiful work of art. We had the added privilege that special day to have in attendance several members of the McSwain family and they were so pleased and thrilled to see a piece of their family's history reclaimed in such a wonderful way. Don't miss this one!



LINDA BRIGGS

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One hundred and fifty-plus strong we enjoyed and survived my family's annual reunion. We were gratified to see so many and some from so far away and I know how pleased my grandmother Minnie Keel Liddell would be to know her greatest wish for us (to gather together to know and carry on our heritage) is being realized. The gathering, as I have mentioned before, is at our family park The Minnie Liddell Park in Love County here in the Chickasaw Nation on original allotment land of hers. She set the land aside and endowed it for use as a park many, many years ago. A large monument telling the story is placed near the flag poles where we proudly fly both the Chickasaw and American flags. As a family we are so very, very fortunate but a great deal of work goes into the upkeep of the park and we owe our younger generation for that continued effort. They have many "work weekends" all year long and especially as time for the Reunion nears to have everything in pristine working order. Bravo to them!

The Legislature has just approved the submission of two grants for expansions on both the Ardmore and Tishomingo clinics. Renovations were already in the works but should these grants be won there would be major expansions and I should note, badly needed expansions as the patient load so far exceeds the size and capability of both clinics. The staff at both those clinics are to be commended for their efforts to get as many as possible in for help.

The hospital continues its progress towards completion. Looking at the facilities almost renders one speechless it is so large and awesome. One bright day we will be there!

Ardmore is getting new Head Start facilities as well as the beginning of senior housing – our first jump out of that box – and we are excited about that. The apartments will be located on the grounds with the Activity Center, Nutrition Site, Wellness Center and Clinic. What a wonderful gift to be Chickasaw! May God continue to bless all of us!

Linda Briggs

Achille seniors enjoy outing to Branson

Chuckma, On Sunday, July 12, 2009, the Central Texas and South Texas Chickasaw Community Councils met in San Marcos, Texas. They had invited the Legislature to be their guests. It was very enjoyable and informative. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of the meeting. It is always nice to meet and visit with Chickasaws. I look forward to seeing some of you at the Festival.

Recently, the Achille Chickasaw Seniors went to Branson, Mo., June 16th -19th. All that fund raising paid off! After many homemade fried pies and Indian tacos the Achille seniors were ready to go.



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They visited Baldknobber, Presley's, Haygoods, and rode the Duck-Clan Water vehicle. Some seniors even did shopping at Branson Landing. Plans are already underway for next year.

I am excited to announce that I am currently working on a blog site and will be ready to unveil it next month. Stay tuned.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; and in all your ways acknowledge Him. Proverbs 3:4

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Back row from left, Flora Mead, Hearl Mead, Joe Beshirs, Harold Anders, Larry Skinner, and L.D. Love. Middle row from left, Dolly Nichols, Olene Beshirs, Barbara Beshirs, O.C. Beshirs, Doris Sutherfield, Kay Anders, Katrinka Skinner, and Mary Barcenas. First row from left, Ellen Flowers, Anita Harron, Bernice Sweeney, and Melba Love

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Gatherings are a big part of our history

Hello Everyone, I want to say a special "Thank you!", to the hosts and participants of the Santee, California, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and San Marcos, Texas Chickasaw Community Councils for their dedication, hard work and hospitality in planning, organizing and hosting the special summer gatherings. It was an honor to be with each and every one of you.

Chickasaws have always gathered and drawn strength from bonds created from time spent together.

Because of their proximity to my home, I am able to attend the Newcastle, Oklahoma City and Purcell community Councils on a regular basis. Annually, I get to attend the Wichita, Kansas council and several less formal gatherings that occur for many various reasons.

Gathering was referenced as early as the origin stories of our tribe. In the migration story, our ancestors, referred to as a tribe in the west, gathered to determine a course of action to deal with a powerful enemy. Throughout our history, gatherings have been held for political, religious, ceremonial and social reasons.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation cannot be merely defined by boundaries on a map. The Chickasaw Nation extends to wherever Chickasaws reside, and gathering is not only the attendance of a council meeting, but communication in all its forms. Phone calls, blogs and emails can be included in today's definition of gathering together.

Buck Adair in Santee, California and Herman Stout in Albuquerque, New Mexico reminded me that even though miles and states separate some of us, nearly all Chickasaws have the common tie that is the Chickasaw homeland in Oklahoma. We may meet outside Oklahoma for the first time, but discover that we know or have known some of the same people. Buck and I shared stories of mutual friends, neighbors and professional rodeo cowboys, Dick Truitt, Everett Shaw, Bob Crosby and Shoate Webster. Herman went to elementary school with my older brother Troy Wayne. Troy Wayne passed away in 1976, but Herman's memories are as vivid as mine.

Gathering is good. It brings us together. It binds us. It strengthens us. It defines who we are as a people and as a Nation.

I encourage you to seek out and attend a community council in your area. If there is not one, start one. You will be amazed by the people and the common ties we all possess.

Respectfully,
Katie Case



KATIE CASE

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New physicians, practitioners on board

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! We've just gone through a heat spell of over 100-degree temperatures here in Ada. It's coincidental that the work on the air conditioners and duct work is almost complete on the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Wiring is also being laid for the many computers and equipment hook ups needed. Unfortunately, we lost some of the trees around the new Medical Center due to high winds; they will be replaced, however.



MARY JO GREEN

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Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker met with the Committee this month and gave an excellent report. Jerry Morgan, M.D., will be joining the staff of Family Practice Clinic starting July 9, 2009. Dr. Morgan has been in practice for 30-plus years and is board certified in internal medicine. He will see adult patients. Mauri Thomas, D.D.S., will be working at the Tishomingo Dental Clinic starting July 15, 2009. Dr. Thomas has been in practice for over 20 years. Tanya Hudson, ARNP, has been an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner for the last 4 years. She will be seeing patients in the Same Day Clinic starting July 9, 2009. Welcome aboard

to these well qualified health care providers. We are glad to have you join us!

With the new Health Administrator comes a new way of reporting the patient visits of the Health Care System. The new method of reporting will show actual patient/provider visits. The old system also showed all visits to the pharmacy, radiology, etc., so some patients were being counted multiple times. Therefore, the new method statistics cannot be compared with the old statistics. Also, statistics for pediatrics, internal medicine and OB/GYN clinics will be included in the new method. Last year's figures for the same time period are shown in parentheses.

The following are statistics for the month of June, 2009: Emergency Room visits were 440 (416). June saw 162 surgeries (263). We lost a regular part-time general surgeon which accounts for the drop in numbers. The Same-day Clinic saw 2,184 patients (2,217). The Family Practice Clinic in Ada and satellite clinics saw 4,034 patients total in June (2,799). Internal Medicine saw 440 patients (416), Pediatrics saw 986 patients (613) and OB/GYN saw 52 patients (50).

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Tribal education is building a great future

We have spoken often of the long and rich tradition of education and the Chickasaw Nation.

When our tribal constitution was approved in 1856, one of the tribal offices established was the superintendent of tribal education. There is a long history of education within our tribe, both before and following Removal.

In our modern era, we have had the ability to commit more in the way of resources to our education programs. The success of our tribal businesses and our success in generating grant dollars have combined to create an education program that has something for virtually every Chickasaw.



WANDA BLACKWOOD TIPPIT SCOTT

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In the "old days" it wasn't always necessary to have even a high school education. In the days of more manual labor, manufacturing and labor-intensive businesses, a man or woman could graduate from high school and enter the work force fairly certain they would secure a decent job.

Since our country has become more entrepreneurial, more service-driven and leaner on the production side, the man or woman with only a high school education is going to encounter challenges competing for a good job.

I would interject here that there are many Chickasaw people who have done well with just a high school education, or even less. But these people grew up in a different time

when more opportunities were available. Also, we have a core of Chickasaw entrepreneurs who, while lacking serious formal education, have succeeded based on their good ideas and their willingness to work incredibly hard.

However, in today's global economy our Chickasaw students are going to be competing against educated people around the world. We are all entering each other's markets and, as such, our products and services are going to compete with entries from Asia, Europe and so many other regions.

Our tribal scholarships and grants annually now total millions of dollars. We are assisting hundreds of Chickasaw students as they earn their bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. We are also supporting those students who choose to learn a traditional trade in a vocational or technical school, or through an apprenticeship.

Whatever they choose, our graduates today are so much better prepared for success than just a generation ago.

We understand education and we value education. We know if we support our students properly, their success and happiness will repay our tribe many times over.

Our commitment is to quality education for all our students. With their education, their drive and their enthusiasm, the future of the Chickasaw Nation looks very good indeed.

Our tradition of land stewardship continues

The tribal legislature's Land Development Committee has the task of considering land purchases, swaps and development. As chairman, it is my responsibility to keep us focused not only on the task at hand, but also on our tribal mission, "To enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw People."

It is historical fact that the Chickasaw Nation has always been protective of its land base and conservative in its dealings regarding its land.

The tide of history did produce the relinquishment of our traditional homelands in what is now portions of Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi. Though a bitter chapter, our Chickasaw ancestors did hold out as long as possible and negotiated a better outcome with the federal government than that of the other Southeastern tribes.

When our people were first removed to Indian Territory in 1837, we paid the Choctaw Nation \$530,000 for what became known as "the Chickasaw District of the Choctaw Nation." This area would later become what we know today as the Chickasaw Nation.

Observers have noted the Chickasaw Nation made a good deal to procure its new homeland, although the tribe for a few years became unified with the Choctaw Nation. In 1855, the Chickasaw Nation once again became independent and paid the Choctaw Nation an additional \$150,000 for its own separate and independent domain.

The Chickasaw Nation land mass totaled almost 4.9 million acres. Inflation or not, a payment of about 14 cents per acre equals a pretty good deal!

Of course, the allotment process undermined our collective land ownership, but Chickasaws continued to value the land and treat it with respect.

We are carrying on that tradition at the Land Development Committee. We understand the important responsibility with which we have been entrusted, and we are dedicated to preserving resources and generating great value for Chickasaw citizens.

When we evaluate a piece of property to utilize for housing, business, programs and services or other need, we engage in a process that provides us the very best look at that property's value and potential. We always want to make the best deal possible and, most importantly, be sure the property is serving the Chickasaw people well.

There is a lot of history connecting the Chickasaw Nation and the land. Part of that history is properly judging land and its value, and putting it to use to best serve our people. We are carrying on an important tradition that will serve Chickasaws well for generations.



DAVID WOERZ

Chickasaw
Tribal
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Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

ELECTION RESULTS | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

tor of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health.

Pontotoc District Seat 1 incumbent Holly Easterling, of Ada, retained her seat, with 71.5% of the vote. Challenger Pattie Howell received 848 votes, or 28.5%.

Pickens District Seat 1 incumbent David Woerz, of Ardmore, won reelection with 1,286 votes, or 55.4%. Challenger Leslie Larsen Hicks, of Ardmore, received 528 votes, or 22.7%, and Mike Watson, of Ardmore, received 507 votes, or 21.8%.

Challenger Shana Tate Hammond, of Ardmore, received 1,305 votes, or 56.7% to win election to Pickens District Seat 4. Incumbent Wanda Blackwood Scott of Elmore City received 997 votes, or 43.3%.

Tishomingo District Seat 1 incumbent legislator D. Scott Colbert did not receive a challenger. He will retain his seat on the legislature.

Incumbent Supreme Court Justice Barbara Anne Smith drew no challengers for Seat 2 on the Supreme Court. She will retain her seat on the Supreme Court.

Elected officials will take the oath of office Oct. 1 at the Chickasaw Nation headquarters in Ada.

For more information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475.

Chickasaw Nation election results:

Legislature:

Pontotoc District Seat 1

Holly M. Easterling (Incumbent) (Ada) – 2,126 votes (71.486%)

Pattie Howell (Ada) – 848 votes (28.514%)

Pontotoc District Seat 2

Nancy Elliott (Ada) – 1,733 votes (57.747%)

Leon D. Brown (Ada) – 595 votes (19.827%)

Todd Griffith (Newcastle) – 462 votes (15.395%)

Sandra “Renee” Gibson (Ada) – 211 votes (7.031%)

Pickens District Seat 1

David Woerz (Incumbent) (Ardmore) – 1,286 votes (55.407%)

Leslie Larsen Hicks (Ardmore) – 528 votes (22.749%)

Mike Watson (Ardmore) – 507 votes (21.844%)

Pickens District Seat 4

Shana Tate Hammond (Ardmore) – 1,305 votes (56.69%)

Wanda Blackwood Tippet Scott (Incumbent) (Elmore City) – 997 votes (43.31%)

Tishomingo District Seat 1

D. Scott Colbert (Incumbent) (Sulphur) – no challenger - retains seat

Supreme Court Seat 2

Barbara Anne Smith (Incumbent) (Newcastle) – no challenger - retains seat



Back row from left, Wanda Keller, Special Judge Dustin P. Rowe, Justice Cheri Bellefeuille Gordon (in front of Mr. Rowe) Wayne Joplin, Ginger Sanders (in front of Wayne Joplin) Connie Tillery, Robin Rollins, Phillip Wood, Debra Gee, Kristine Huntsman. Middle row (standing Blue shirts) from left, Keegan West, Jordyn Romine, Noah Gordon, Mariah Scott, Nathan Webb, Kylie Dresser, Della Stuckey, Kelby Williams, Hanna Laurie, Morgan Leverett, Gage Wall, Jeanie Jones, Tamara Dresser. Front row from left, (starting with white shirt) Dustin Hale, Price Rowe, Lauren Burden, Klaytan Scott, Colton Dresser, Jacee Sanders, Kelsey Norton, Hunter Conklin, Seth Sanders. Sitting in front, Rebecca Sanders, Madison Price.

Campers learn the basics of justice during tribal Yakni Moma Alphisa (court camp)

ADA, Okla. - Over 30 aspiring lawyers from Ada and the surrounding communities took part in the second annual Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Yakni Moma Alphisa, court camp.

This year’s court camp focused on a mock trial competition and a chance for the youth to take part in comprehensive judicial system learning experience.

“I think this was a great learning experience for all the youth involved,” deputy court clerk Tamara Dresser said. “The camp gives the youth a chance to broaden their outlook on life and get new experiences in a variety of fields that they may want to pursue later in life.”

Participants took part in two full days of camp activities, including a trip to the Chickasaw Capitol, and an interactive learning session on how the Peacemakers Court system works. The students also toured the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) facility, including a demonstration by the drug dog unit.

The second day, students toured the Murray County 911 call center and jailhouse, concluding the day with a mock trial.

The mock trial was a civil case in which participants played roles in the trial. The first day, students portrayed jurors, witnesses and attorneys. They were instructed to study their parts and be prepared to play their characters during the court trial.

The trial was heard at the Chickasaw District courtroom in front of a real judge who presided over the case. Participants were assisted by the Chickasaw Nation Justice Department lawyers, who served as co-counsel.

During the trial, the faux lawyers assisted with voir dire (jury selection), opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments.

The mock trial competition closed with a verdict of not guilty rendered for the defense team.

Every participant received an award for their outstanding performances, participation and hard work throughout the camp.

“This is a great opportunity for the kids to learn about all aspects of the Chickasaw Judicial system, and the camp is a good way for us to give back to the community as judicial officers,” Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon said. “This year’s camp was outstanding and we hope to keep expanding the camp each year.”

CONTRIBUTED BY Jeremy Oliver, tribal media relations.

64th Annual All Night Singing

6:30 p.m. - ?

Saturday, August 22, 2009

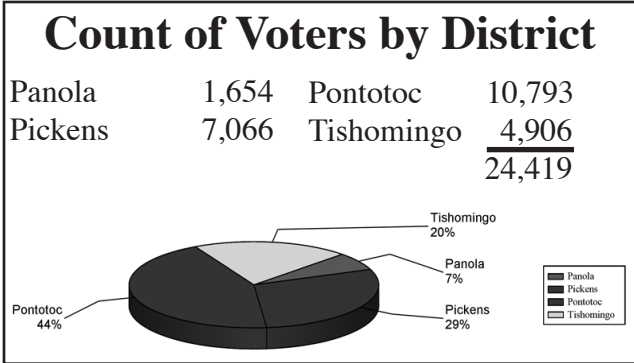
Johnson Chapel U.M.C.

5 miles south of Allen, OK, Hwy 48 Exit at church sign - 3 miles east, 1 mile south

Emcee: All Brown

Sound by: Curtis Kinney

Various groups and artist including Homesteaders, of Weleetka, Okla.



Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the public affairs department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Court Advocate services now available for tribal citizens

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with their legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Tribe opens ‘Peaceful Heart Home’ for Indian victims of domestic abuse

A method of escape is often the most important service one can offer victims of domestic abuse.

With rates of domestic violence growing rapidly in Oklahoma, providing shelter and hope has become increasingly important, according to Angela Conner, director of the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention.

“Without a shelter to go to, many of these victims are hopelessly trapped because they have no way out of the abusive relationship,” said Conner. “The abuser has exiled them from friends, family and access to money which would allow them to leave.”

That is why the tribe offers Chonkash yohbi chuka “Peaceful heart home,” for Native American women and children.

Chonkash yohbi chuka is a 24-hour temporary housing shelter open to all

Native American women and children who need protection from domestic violence and sexual assault. The 2,200 square-foot dwelling is designed to house eight to 10 people in a comfortable home-like environment.

Shelter is provided for up to 30 days at an undisclosed location to enable families to arrange for permanent relocation. Food, clothing, tribal and social service referrals, transportation, career development skills, support groups, planning and other services are provided to aid in the relocation process.

Counselors, victim advocates, and case managers are on call 24 hours a day.

Lighthorse Police officers with specialized domestic violence training routinely patrol the shelter.

“Our goal is to provide wrap-around

services to domestic violence victims who many times leave their abusive relationship with nothing but the clothes on their back and no money or means of support,” said Conner.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said that the shelter was an effective method of dealing with domestic violence.

“This shelter provides protection to the most vulnerable among us,” said Gov. Anoatubby. “It is an integral part of our overall efforts to promote and preserve the strong families which are so vital to the strength of our community.”

One in five women in America is physically assaulted by a spouse or partner. According to the FBI, ex-partners commit thirty percent of homicides of women and six percent of homicides of men

each year. Three to four million women are injured by physical abuse.

Reported cases of domestic violence in Oklahoma climbed from seventh in the Nation in 2007 to third in 2008. This year, Oklahoma’s rate of domestic violence homicides was fourth highest in the nation.

For additional information or enrollment in programs and services, contact the Office of Violence Prevention (580) 272-5550, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820. For emergency help contact Lighthorse Police (580) 436-9022, local police 911, or the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 522-SAFE (7233).

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Net income approaches \$212m for nine-month period

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor’s and Lt. governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes

education scholarship as well as the tribe’s division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending June 30, 2009 Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$119.7 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$5.8 million for the month and \$53.1 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$116.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for June totaled \$69 million and \$637 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$21 million for the month and \$212 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$68.9 million

year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2009, the tribal government funds had \$129 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$16.4

million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$157 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2009

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 7,648,245	637,786,986	645,435,232
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	112,055,779	(112,055,779)	0
Total funds available	119,704,024	525,731,207	645,435,232
Expenditures			
General government	6,368,418		6,368,418
Legislature	1,243,777		1,243,777
Judiciary	609,233		609,233
Education	9,876,134		9,876,134
Heritage Preservation	3,949,884		3,949,884
Health	10,830,344		10,830,344
Youth and Family Services	4,927,109		4,927,109
Nutrition Programs	2,838,989		2,838,989
Regulatory	3,921,788		3,921,788
Assistance Programs	8,588,071		8,588,071
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		349,788,412	349,788,412
Other businesses' expense		107,005,434	107,005,434
Total expenditures	53,153,748	456,793,846	509,947,594
Increase in net assets	66,550,277	68,937,361	135,487,638
Beginning net assets	291,985,959	412,247,737	704,233,696
Ending net assets	\$ 358,536,236	481,185,099	839,721,335

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2009

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 129,556,865	157,915,149	287,472,014
Receivables	521,022	34,393,797	34,914,819
Inventory		5,734,403	5,734,403
Prepaid expenses		10,075,444	10,075,444
Other Assets		56,642,038	56,642,038
Fixed assets	229,017,590	386,420,319	615,437,909
Less payables	(559,241)	(169,996,051)	(170,555,292)
Net Assets	\$ 358,536,236	481,185,099	839,721,335

Youth leadership students engage Five Civilized Tribes on tour



Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi Program (Youth Leadership) members visit the Cherokee Heritage Museum in Tahlequah, Okla., during a tribal tour in July.

A dozen members of Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program (Youth Leadership) learned more about other Southeastern tribes, including the Chickasaw Nation, during an Oklahoma tribal tour, July 16-17.

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi members began the tour at the Choctaw Nation Headquarters in Durant, Okla. The tour also included a trip to the Cherokee Nation Heritage Center and headquarters in Tahlequah, Okla. It ended in Ada, Okla., and included attendance at July's Chickasaw Nation legislative session.

The Choctaw Headquarters visit included tour of the historic headquarters building, which once housed a Presbyterian College.

Members also learned of efforts to preserve the Choctaw language and culture and made a stop at

share similar customs.

A tour of a Cherokee Trail of Tears exhibit, a stop at the Cherokees' headquarters building, and an art exhibit based on the Cherokee alphabet, were also included in the visit to the Heritage Center.

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi member Chance Brown, said the Cherokee art exhibit taught him that sometimes "less is more," in his art. Brown is a recent graduate of Dickson (OK) High School and plans to major in studio arts in college.

"I was reminded my subjects can be simplistic, I can be less detailed in my art work, and keep my work simpler, while still having detail in my pieces," he said.

Caleb McDonald, a Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi mem-

ber, had never been to the Cherokee Heritage Museum and said he enjoyed learning about another tribe's culture.

Participants were also reminded how large the other two tribes are; the Choctaw Nation has more than 144,000 citizens and Cherokee citizens number more than 300,000. In comparison, the Chickasaw Nation has about 38,000 citizens.

The Cherokee Nation Heritage Center provided a peek into the Cherokees' past, culture and customs, many of which, members learned, are similar to the Chickasaws. Both tribes originated in what is now the Southeastern United States and

share similar customs.

"Their (traditional) dress was different," he said "but many things, like stickball, are the same."

After the more than 400-mile trip, Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi member Gi Gi Bridgeman, of Marlow, said she had learned how all tribes were affected by the Trail of Tears.

"I am always proud to be Chickasaw, but today made me realize how much we had to go through to get to the place where we are today, she said.

"I also learned how similar and different the three cultures are."

The last stop on the trip was Ada, where students attended a Chickasaw legislative session and met with tribal legislators during a reception.

Not only the students learned something from the trip, tribal youth specialist Melissa Wilkerson said, but so did staff members who accompanied the group.

"It was wonderful for our students to have the opportunity to see how other tribes larger than the Chickasaw Nation handled their day-to-day operations," she said. "Our participants came away with a sense of pride in the professionalism exhibited here. Our professional dress code isn't adhered to in other tribes.

"During the legislative session, the students were so attentive and were genuinely interested in the interworkings of each resolution presented, she said.

"Overall, the tribal tour made me proud to be Chickasaw and proud to be a mentor for these upcoming future leaders of our great Nation."

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi members are 14-18 years old and are required to maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better, and attend a minimum of 75 percent of all regular meetings, fundraisers and service projects.

For more information on the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Tonya Bierce at 580-310-6620.

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COMING SOON TO THE MCSWAIN THEATRE

UPCOMING SHOWS

- August 6: Susie McEntire Luchsinger Concert
- August 15: A Night with Jae L. Stilwell & Crossover
- August 25: Blue Gap Boyz Movie
- August 29: The Moonlighters Big Band Concert

Tickets can be purchased online at
www.mcswaintheatre.com

or by telephone at 580-332-8108.

Ada, Oklahoma

August Child Support Awareness Month

Mark your calendars to join child support services during the month of August to celebrate Child Support Awareness month. Bring your friends and family to celebrate during the following events.

August 3

- 10 a.m. - Kick-Off and Balloon Launch

Youth and Family back parking lot - 231 Seabrook Road, Ada

August 15

- 9 a.m. Walk in the Park

Wintersmith Park, Ada

August 22

- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Family Fun Day

Youth and Family back parking lot - 231 Seabrook Road, Ada

For more information, contact child support services at (866) 431-3419.

**I Love My
Child**
Child Support Awareness Month

Artists exhibit various works during Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Employee Art Show

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Employee Art Show took place June 23-25 in Ada.

Nearly 40 Chickasaw Nation employees took part in the show, intended to give employees a chance to exhibit their abilities.

"There is a multitude of talent among the employees of the Chickasaw Nation," said Lona Barrick, Administrator for the Division of Arts and Humanities.

"The Division is privileged to provide this unique opportunity for them to share their talents."

A showcase of the winning artwork will be on display August 5-September 9 at the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Building in Tishomingo.

The winners in the 2009 Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Art Show include:

TWO DIMENSIONAL CATEGORIES

PAINTING

- 1st "El Mariachi", Francisco Franco
- 2nd "The Conquest, Francisco Franco
- 3rd "Sunrise", Sandy LaNoy
- HM "Little Piece of Heaven, Sandy LaNoy

DRAWING

- 1st "Her Angel", Kimberlie Chapman
- 2nd Pencil Collage, Robin James

DIGITAL GRAPHICS

- 1st "Hinoshi Holitopa", Tracey Hicks
- 2nd "Toshka Shilombish", Tracey Hicks

PHOTOGRAPHY-COLOR

- 1st "Pontotoc Girl", Christine Brown
- 2nd "Glass in Boat", James Wallace
- 3rd "Ode to the Black Hills", Donna Webb
- HM "Indian Dancer # 1", Anthony Dowell
- HM "Glass Flowers", James Wallace

PHOTOGRAPHY- BLACK & WHITE

- 1st "Three Stones", Linda Hogan
- 2nd "Railroad", Donna Hampton
- 3rd "Porous Carved", Linda Hogan

THREE DIMENSIONAL CATEGORIES

SCULPTURE

- 1st Burl Wood Bird Carving, Stephen Greetham
- 2nd Blue Grey Gnatcatcher Carving, Stephen Greetham
- 3rd Face Bronze Anthony Dowell
- HM Indian Bronze, Anthony Dowell

POTTERY

- 1st Black Fired Ocarina, Pamela Filipelli
- 2nd Raku Candelabra, Samantha Owen
- 3rd Raku Ceramic Vase, Samantha Owen
- HM Ceramic Jug, Pamela Filipelli

JEWELRY

- 1st Silver & Turquoise Set, Eric Todd

3D OPEN

- 1st "Jesus Christ", Francisco Franco

CULTURAL CATEGORIES

BEADWORK OPEN

- 1st Candy Necklace, Trina Jones
- 2nd Botswana Agate, Trina Jones
- 3rd Blue Lapis Necklace, Sandra Aldridge

BEADWORK

- 1st Beaded Collar, Ashley Wallace
- 2nd Beaded pen, Ashley Wallace
- 3rd Beaded Regalia Cuffs, Chiefy Greenwood

FLUTES

- 1st Cedar Flute, Michael Cornelius
- 2nd Cane Flute, Michael Cornelius
- 3rd Woodpecker Flute, Tim Cornelius

TRADITIONAL WEAPONRY

- 1st Quiver, Bow & Arrows, Wayne Scribner
- 2nd Deer Hoof Knife, Garry Harrison
- 3rd Chickasaw War Club, Michael Cornelius
- HM Two-Tone Bow, Wayne Scribner

TRADITIONAL DRESS

- 1st Traditional Dress, Linda Robins
- 2nd Chickasaw Ribbon Shirt, Pamela Filipelli

ADORNMENTS TO DRESS

- 1st Bear Claw Necklace, Michael Cornelius
- 2nd Jewelry, Hair Ribbons & Bag, Kimberlie Chapman

CULTURAL OPEN

- 1st Beaded Bag, Stickball Sticks, & Ball, Wayne Walker
- 2nd Pipe #2, Eric Todd
- 3rd Pipe #1, Eric Todd

TEXTILES CATEGORIES

WEAVING

- 1st Ganado Red Purse, Rhonda Brown
- 2nd Two Grey Hills, Rhonda Brown



Wayne Scribner, Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development Administrator, received the Employee Choice Award for his Quiver, Bow and Arrows at this year's Te Ata Fisher Employee Art Show. The show was conducted June 23-25 in Ada and featured the artwork of several tribal employees.

FINGER WEAVING

- 1st Finger Woven Belt, LaDonna Brown
- 2nd Finger Woven Belt, Ashley Wallace
- 3rd Finger Woven Arrowhead Belt, Ashley Wallace

QUILTS

- 1st Quilt #1, Sarah Cartwright
- 2nd Quilt #2, Sarah Cartwright

EMPLOYEE CHOICE AWARD

Wayne Scribner, Quiver, Bow and Arrows

For more information on future shows, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Lighthorse teams with state Bureau of Narcotics in anti-meth campaign

Methamphetamine (meth) is a highly addictive drug that produces a serious and negative impact on communities and families nationwide. Nearly 400,000 Americans are believed to be addicted to meth.

In an effort to reduce meth abuse within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries, the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department and the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics are teaming up. In partnership, the agencies have developed an anti-meth initiative known as "Be a winner, Stand your ground."

"Meth abuse has become an increasing concern among rural and urban communities," said Gov. Bill Anoatub-

by. "Through this partnership, we hope to create a positive impact in these communities and encourage individuals to join the fight against meth."

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department and the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics are conducting community meetings and school assemblies to spread the word about the dangers of meth. The key goal is to encourage commu-

nity leaders and students to stand their ground in the fight against meth and be a winner by reporting meth abuse in their area.

According to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, meth remains the principal drug of concern in the state of Oklahoma. Over the past several years, there has been an increase in the

amount of crystal meth use in Oklahoma. Approximately 5.5 percent of Oklahoma high school students surveyed in 2007 had used meth at least once in their lifetime.

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department and the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics encourage individuals to join the fight and stand their ground by calling the anti-meth hotline at 866-928-7384 to report meth abuse.

For more information about the anti-meth initiative, contact Tammy with the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department at (580) 436-7213.

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Tribe breaks ground for Search and Rescue building



Rendering of the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue Firehouse.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby is joined by members of the Search and Rescue team, elected officials and citizens breaking ground on the new Search and Rescue facility in Ada.

Marcy Gray

ADA, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined today by dozens of elected officials, citizens and tribal employees for ground breaking on new facilities for the tribal search and rescue team and wild land firefighters.

When complete, the 6,000 square foot building at 1930 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard will include room for training facilities, equipment storage and office space for use in emergen-

cies.

"These individuals fearlessly put themselves in harm's way to protect the public in times of emergency," said Gov. Anoatubby. "These brave men and women face brave wild fires and step into the aftermath of tornadoes, hurricanes and other natural disasters."

"This new facility is a symbol of the support and appreciation they so richly deserve."

The search and rescue team and

firefighters participate in a variety of activities, working with many law enforcement and other agencies locally and nationwide.

Most recently, the Chickasaw Nation Search and rescue team were involved in rescue efforts after the tornado that struck Lone Grove in February of this year.

The team also participated in search and rescue efforts after the 2005 hurricanes on the Gulf Coast. During their

search and their time there, the team accounted for 67 live rescues.

Wild land firefighters fight numerous fires within the state, and have traveled as far as California to protect lives and property endangered by wild fires.

Dozens of fire fighters receive training each year at the Chickasaw Agency Annual Basic Firefighter School.

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Ittapatkachi Time Capsule a piece of history

Submissions for the Ittapatkachi Time Capsule are still being accepted. Notecards, photographs and Quilt squares are being accepted for inclusion in the time capsule, which will be buried during the grand opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in 2010.

The time capsule will be opened 50 years after it is buried.

"This time capsule is symbolic of the unity of Chickasaw people," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Each unique piece contributed to this time capsule will form an exhibit which will teach future generations a great deal

about the individuals, families and communities which form the Chickasaw Nation."

Janet Reubin, program developer with the Chickasaw Nation Division of history and Culture, has traveled extensively to speak to Chickasaw groups about contributions to the time capsule.

Reubin said that it has been a "wonderful experience" to see the enthusiasm people have for the project.

Hundreds of items, ranging from historic photographs to outlines of children's hands have been contributed.

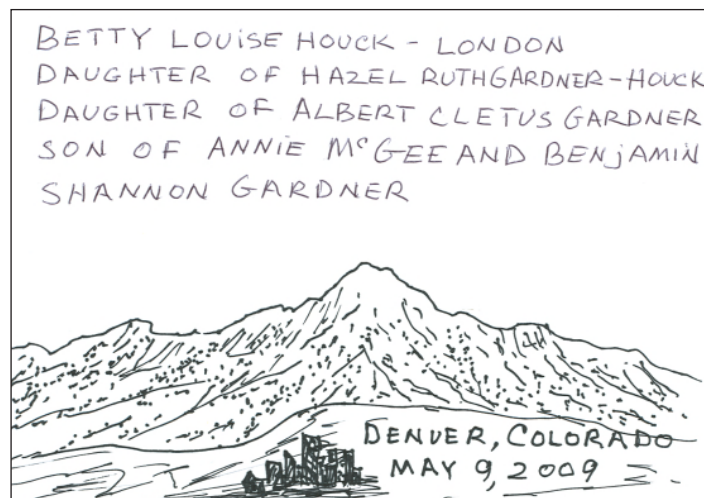
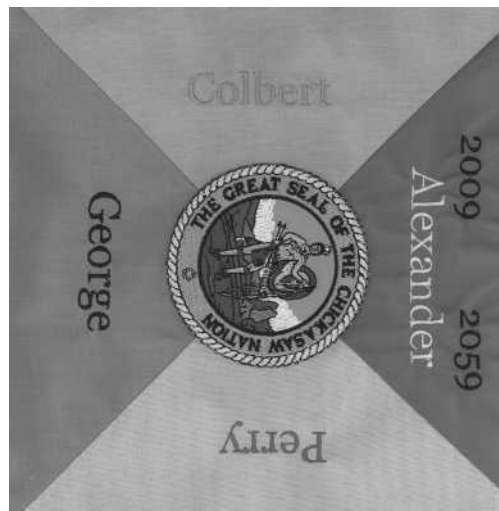
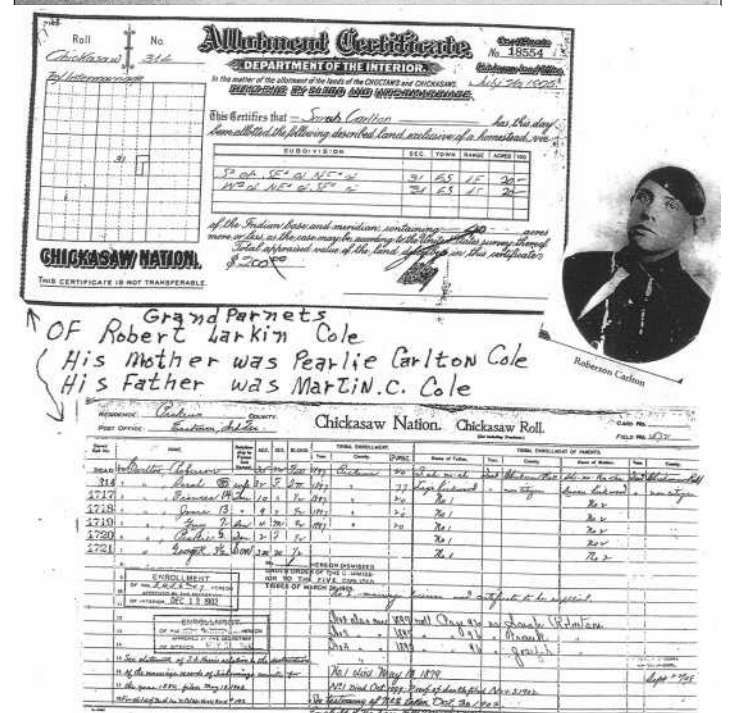
A time capsule collection booth at the Chickasaw Festival will

provide information and guidelines on submitting items for consideration for inclusion in the time capsule.

For more information, or to contribute items, contact Janet Reubin.

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Chickasaw astronaut working to bring shuttle home to Tulsa

Chickasaw astronaut Cmdr. John Herrington is leading a campaign to bring a retired space shuttle to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum. NASA plans to retire the shuttles in 2010.

Museum executive director Jim Bridenstine approached Cmdr. Herrington, who became the first Native American in space in 2002, to lead the campaign for the museum.

"I thought it was a fabulous idea, because we could probably get Endeavor, which is the one I flew," Cmdr. Herrington said.

The shuttle, he said, would be a great way to promote math and science education in the state and among tribes.

Because NASA wants to ensure the shuttles will be handled and displayed properly, it distributed requests for information from entities who may meet certain criteria.

Those criteria include access to a 10,000-foot runway and adequate facilities to properly store and exhibit the vehicles.

Approximately 20 entities nationwide have submitted proposals.



JOHN HERRINGTON

"Tulsa has a huge history with the space program," said Cmdr. Herrington.

The shuttle's payload doors were built in Tulsa, and the harness that actually lifts the shuttle into place and puts it on the launch pad was also built in Tulsa.

"Tulsa has really supported the space program over the years and to get one of the shuttles they were so dedicated to would be a fabulous thing," said Cmdr. Herrington.

The campaign, he said, had received broad support from the state and local community.

Merely preparing and transporting the shuttle to Tulsa would cost approximately \$42 million.

If the museum is chosen, it has plans for a 335,000 square-foot building capable of displaying the shuttle vertically or horizontally. A convention center capable of seating 2,000 visitors is also planned.

Cmdr. Herrington thinks the museum has a good chance of being chosen.

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Families dive into language at camp



Chickasaw student Karissa Wynne works with pottery at Chokka-chaffa' Chikashshanompoli Albinachi (Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp).

Ten families retreated to Tanka Ranch in Stroud, Okla. for the first ever Chokka-chaffa' Chikashshanompoli Albinachi (Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp) July 23-25.

"We want the families to gain a better understanding of how the Chickasaw Language sounds and is put together," said Josh Hinson, director of Cultural Education and Outreach for the Chickasaw Language Program.

Continuous language immersion sets filled the three-day camp, during which only Chickasaw was spoken.

Using a secondary language teaching tool called total physical response, participants were encouraged to learn not only by speaking, but also by movement.

"This helps them to learn through action and expression," Hinson said, "but it's also a lot of fun."

Camp activities included water balloon relays, pottery, and storytelling. Instructions were given primarily in Chickasaw.

The camp was designed to give even the greenest Chickasaw speaker the chance to participate.

Upon sign-up, campers were given orientation packets including a mini-dictionary of Chickasaw terms and a CD

with instructions from fluent speaker and Chickasaw elder Luther John.

Twelve-year-old McKenzie Sockey of Ada said she learned a lot, even by the first day.

"It's kind of hard when they speak only Chickasaw, but it really helps you to learn faster," she said.

McKenzie's mother, Ronda, said the camp served as a sort of educational vacation for her and her three daughters.

"I go to school full time, so this is a get away for us," she said. "It's great they can learn something about their culture in the process."

"I really hope they do this again next year."

Chokka-chaffa' Chikashshanompoli Albinachi is one of several courses offered by the Chickasaw Language Program to keep the Chickasaw language alive and increase the number of fluent speakers.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation division of History and Culture at (580) 436-2603 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw Diver Texas State Champion



Kaylea Arnett in competition at the 2008 National Championships.

Photo courtesy of Raymond Gould USA Diving

Kaylea Arnett recently won the Texas state University Interscholastic League diving championship. Kaylea, a Chickasaw, is a 16-year-old sophomore at Spring High School.

She was among those recently honored by Texas Governor Rick Perry during Texas State Champion Day in the chamber of the Texas House of Representatives.

"I encourage you to remember that champions are not measured by their medals or their trophies, but by their refusal to quit when the going gets tough," said Gov. Perry. "A champion is someone who remembers where they came from and the people who helped them reach that destination."

Kaylea, an Olympic hopeful who has won a national championship, five junior national

championships and several international competitions, said competition at the state championship was intense.

"It was different because Texas is like the best state in the country (for diving)," Kaylea said. "It was a big meet."

Most recently, Kaylea dove in the Zone D Championships in Knoxville, Tenn. There, she qualified for the USA Diving National Championships, which will be conducted in August in Moultrie, Georgia.

Alyssa Arnett, Kaylea's 13-year-old sister, also took part in the Zone D Championships, where she placed first in the 12-13 girl's platform, second in 3-meter springboard and fourth in 1-meter springboard.

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BIRTHS



Ramzy Alsafi

Ramzy Mayor Alsafi was born July 6, 2009 at Roswell, N.M. He weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz., and measured 21 ½ inches at birth.

Ramzy is the son of Cara and Mike Alsafi.

He is the grandson of Michelle Reid and Frank Patterson, of Roswell, and Kent Reynolds, of Oklahoma City. He is the great-grandson of Sonny and Norma Prince, of Pontoct, Okla., and Sonny and Anna Reynolds, of Ardmore, Okla.



Addison Chapman

Addison Raylyn Chapman was born June 25, 2009 at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Mercedes Layne Chapman. She is the granddaughter of Shana Lyons and Brooke Chapman.

She is the great-granddaughter of Robert and Tanya Teafattiller and the great-great-granddaughter of Violet Harrill.

Addison is a direct descendant of original enrollee Thomas Wesley Hays.

Aunt Hannah, Uncle Nynne Chapman, cousin Coda and Aunt Stephanie Metcalf are proud to announce the birth of Addison!

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.



Joslyn Arles

Joslyn Bralynn Arles was born at 1:32 a.m., June 13, 2009 at Valley View Regional Hospital, Ada, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth. Proud parents are Deidra Lynne Hamilton and Joseph Lee Arles.

She is the granddaughter of Tammy and Jimmy Joe Arles Sr., and Dennis Hamilton, all of Mill Creek, Okla., Thomas Arles, of Sulphur, and Francis and Albert Louis, of Ardmore. Great-grandparents are Retha and the late Jamie Ledford, of Marlow, Okla., Mary Francis and the late Jessie Oxley, of Sulphur, the late Yellow Wolf Hamilton, Edith and the late Dwain Mitchell, of Mill Creek, Janelle and the late Obie Joe Arles, of Sulphur, Susie and the late Bobby Wallace, of Sulphur. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Agnes Weddle, Hazel Skidmore and the late Thomas Hoyle.

She is the nieces of Laura Hamilton, of Weatherford, Okla., Clovis Hamilton, of Madill, Okla., Derek and Michelle Hamilton, and Sarah Arles, all of Ardmore.

Joslyn is loved by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

BIRTHDAYS



Jaxson Bohanon

Jaxson Cole Bohanon celebrated his third birthday at the Wintersmith Lodge, at Ada, Okla., June 20, 2009 with a Thomas the Train theme. Swimming, games, cake and a birthday dinner were enjoyed by all.

Jaxson is the son of Glenn and Krystal Bohanon. He is the grandson of Joe and Hazel Wallace, and Willard and Claire Bohanon, all of Ada, and Phillip and Mary Sue Skyes, of Paris, Texas. He is the great-grandson of Pauline Walker, of Ada.

Great uncles and aunts include, Herman and Opal Walker, William and Zella Gaines, Gary and Laverna Walker, Albert and Elaine Wallace and Wordley Walker. Aunts and uncles include, Jon Wayne Wallace, Jeremy and Ashley Wallace, and Jason and Krisite Wallace.

Happy Birthday from all your cousins, the Wallace's, The Walker's, the Bohanon's, the Treat's, Paul and Betsy Gibson and Judi Beth.

Colbert Family Reunion Sept. 11

The Colbert Reunion is September 11 in Tuscumbia, Ala., at Spring Park.

The festivities begin at 2 p.m. A table will be set up for everyone to sign in. The Colbert families will join the people of Tuscumbia and the festival for the town reunion. Covered dish.

The Walk of Life is Saturday, September 12 beginning at 9 a.m. The Trolley will be in Spring Park at 8:30 a.m. for those needing transportation to the Landing Site.

For more information contact Annie Cooper at (256) 381-0700 or Colbert County Tourism at (256) 383-0783.

Adam Cole dedicated on May 3 in Pauls Valley



Josh, Ashley and Adam Cole

Adam Benjamin Cole was dedicated by his family to the Lord on May 3, 2009 at Pauls Valley Church of the Nazarene, the fourth Chickasaw generation to worship there.

Ralph and Gertie Keeling joined the Church in 1955 with their adopted son, Paul Keeling

(CDIB 1/4 of Chickasaw). Paul Lives in Pauls Valley with his wife, Lorna.

Paul's son Chris (CDIB 1/4 of Stratford) is active in the church as was his daughter, Ashley Lynette (1/8 CDIB Chickasaw).

Ashley Married Josh Cole and their son Adam (1/16 CDIB Chickasaw) was born March 27, 2009 at Norman Regional Hospital.

Ashley is a 2008 graduate of the university of Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and minors in History and French. Her husband, Josh, is a 2007 graduate of Southern Nazarene University with a bachelor's degree in Youth Ministry and a Minor in Psychology. He is director of Family Ministries at Hillside Christian Church in Wichita, Kans.

ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Baptiste

Baptistes to celebrate 50th on August 12

Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Baptiste will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary Aug. 12, 2009.

The Golden event will be celebrated Saturday, Aug. 15 at 4 p.m. at NorthEast Baptist Church, 702 H NE, corner of 7th and H Streets, in Ardmore, Okla.

Lonzo and Gloria Sue Baptiste will renew their vows.

A potluck dinner and a gospel singing will follow. Special guests will be the Revelators.

Host of the celebration are the children and grandchildren of the Baptistes.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Bobby Hatton

Chickasaw researcher plans on medical school

Chickasaw student Bobby Hatton is no stranger to hard work. He has spent the last three years serving as a full-time employee, full-time student, husband and father.

To him, it has all been worthwhile. Mr. Hatton is working to achieve his goal of becoming a doctor.

"I always knew I wanted to be a doctor," he said. "It was always my dream."

A senior biology major at East Central University, Mr. Hatton was chosen from a pool of hundreds to participate in the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center summer research program.

The only Chickasaw citizen in the program, Mr. Hatton spends five days a week at the Health Sciences Center doing extensive research and documentation.

Specifically, he is doing research on the hormone relaxin and its effect on pregnancy. The research is funded by the Native American Research Center for Health Student Development initiative.

The program offers outstanding undergraduate students intensive research opportunities in the laboratories of Health Sciences Center faculty mentors.

"It's been a great experience," he said. "It's a lot broader and more hands-on than what I could learn in a classroom."

For the first time since graduating high school in 1991, Mr. Hatton had to postpone working in order to fulfill the requirements of the rigorous program.

His career at ECU has been supplemented by the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education scholarship and he has applied to be a part of the tribal School to Work program.

"I'm really hoping to gain more experience in the medical field before I start medical school," he said.

Mr. Hatton said he was gaining valuable knowledge, but didn't like the time away from his family.

"It's tough being away from family," he said, "but with all that I'm learning, it's worth it."

Mr. Hatton will graduate from ECU in the fall of 2010, then plans to enter medical school.

Misti, his wife, couldn't be more proud of her husband.

"He is so dedicated," she said. "He has worked so hard all this time and it's just amazing."

Mr. Hatton and his wife live in Ada, Okla., with their four children, Lauren, 15; Colton, 13; Morgan, 12; and Carter, 10.



Sonia Davis

High schooler building churches in Ecuador

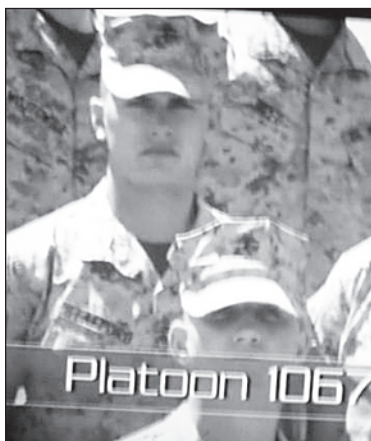
A Chickasaw high school student is dedicating a portion of her summer to church building in South America.

Sonia A. Davis, of Universal City, Texas, is on a mission trip to Ecuador. She is part of a team of Seventh-day Adventist Church students and adult leaders on the trip. Other church youth are also involved.

The team is building a church.

Sonia, 15, is a rising junior at Judson High School.

Her parents are Thomas Davis, of Ada, Okla., and Susan Davis, of Universal City.



Pfc. Jesse Stafford, USMC

Stafford completes USMC basic training

A Chickasaw man has recently graduated from U.S. Marine Corps basic training.

Pfc. Jesse Stafford graduated July 10 from San Diego Marine Recruit Depot.

Pfc. Stafford is the son of Mark and Rebecca Daggs, of Okemah, Okla.

He is the grandson of Everett and Donna Stafford, of Wetumka, Okla., and Bobby and Shirley Bean, of Checotah, Okla.

We are very proud of our son who decided to serve our country.

Five generations of Chickasaws



On June 25, 2009 another blessing came to the family of Chickasaw original enrollee Thomas Wesley Hays with the birth of Addison Chapman. The five living generations are, from left, Violet (Hays) Harrill, Tanya Teafatiller, Shana Lyons, Mercedes Layne Chapman and Addison Railyn Chapman. Addison was born at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

Walker Horseshoe Tournament winners

The 10th Annual Adam C. Walker Memorial Horseshoe Tournament was hosted June 6 at Kullihoma.

Winners were:

Singles – first, Gary Walker; second, Michael Lindsey; third, Bailey Walker.

Doubles – first, Michelle Walker and Michael Lindsey; second, Bailey Walker and Gary Walker; third, Gilbert Walker and Billy Long.

Thanks to all who came out and participated.

Oklahoma Flyers



The Oklahoma Flyers, a Chickasaw co-ed softball team coached by Joe and Hazel Wallace, recently placed second at Kullihoma. The team played five games to reach the finals. Kneeling Hazel Wallace (coach) and Jason Wallace. Standing from left, T.J. Gaines, Thomas Gaines, Whitley Sutton, Jeremiah Cully, Tisha Cully, Dancing Star Frazier, Starla Colley, Deborah Cole, Jeremy Wallace, Ashley Wallace, Chris Cully, and Joe Wallace (coach). Not pictured, Berta Cully.

Native-themed book 'My Sister Speaks For Me' now available

"My Sister Speaks For Me," a recently-released paperback by D.L. Brooks Aguilar, is now available.

The 81-page book is the story of Teshina, a mixed-blood girl who seeks to discover her true purpose in life.

Ms. Aguilar is an author who grew up in California with Native people. She discovered later in life about her own Indian heritage.

Her books are unsolved mysteries based on true events. She has published three previous

works, a set of sagas.

She now lives and writes in Texas.

"My Sister Speak For Me" can be found at Amazon.com, Borders.com and Barnesandnoble.com

Chickasaw fighter's comeback built on determination



Chickasaw prizefighter Kyle Sherman

Chickasaw prizefighter Kyle Sherman is on a mission to work his way through the ranks of professional boxing. Currently holding a 10-2 record with six wins by knock out, he has been proving he has what it takes to become an established welterweight contender.

Sherman has been boxing since he was nine years old, and started out as a skinny kid with a lot of heart and determination. He began his boxing ca-

reer training in Oklahoma City at the Golden Gloves Old Timers Association.

As a youth, Sherman excelled through the amateur ranks winning several titles. Considered one of the top boxers in the state throughout the 1990s, he won several Oklahoma State Championships, regional Golden Gloves champion, Sooner State games champion, regional Junior Olympics champion and competed in

the National championships.

Sherman took five years off of competitive boxing after his amateur career and returned to the ring in 2003 to begin his run as a professional boxer.

"I returned to boxing to prove to myself that I could still do it," Sherman said. "I didn't want to be left thinking what I could have accomplished in my career if I put my heart into it."

Sherman trains full time six days a

week at the Azteca Boxing Club gym in Oklahoma City. Training includes a six-mile run each day, extensive punching and speed bag work, sparring several times a week, and weight training.

To become a professional boxer, newcomers must first work their way up through the ranks competing in sanctioned boxing events. These matches allow a boxer to gain experience and ring time allowing him to eventually compete in matches with a longer round duration.

Starting out Sherman was first allowed to compete in matches that lasted four rounds. After 12 opponents he is now allowed to start competing in fights lasting up to eight rounds.

"I have a goal to become the World Boxing Congress (WBC) champion," Sherman said. "I am currently in talks to appear on an undercard televised fight where I hope to be taking on legendary boxer Hugo Chavez's grandson, a match that could really accelerate my career and open many doors when I win."

At the Azteca Boxing Club, Sherman not only trains himself but also works with the youth in the surrounding community training the next generation of boxers.

"I think boxing is a great outlet for the kids and gives them something positive to work towards while keeping them off the streets and out of trouble," he said. "Boxing saved my life, I don't know where I would be today without it."

Sherman has no real boxing style he has mimicked. As a right-handed

fighter, he is versatile and can switch to south paw as needed. His strongest aspects are hand speed, knock out punching power and his overriding determination to succeed.

With 12 professional fights under his belt, Sherman is still a seasoned veteran with over 20 years experience. He has competed in over 100 amateur fights and proven time and again he has what it takes to win.

Sherman was introduced to boxing by his grandfather.

"I remember my grandfather's friend saying I should come to the gym and train and my grandfather said no," Sherman said. "I begged and pleaded him to take me until he finally took me and I have loved it ever since."

At 31 years old, Sherman is just entering his prime as a boxer. He stands 5'9" and weighs in at 147, classing him as a welterweight. Trained by Bud Smith, a top 10-ranked boxer throughout the 1980s, Sherman has the skills it takes to be a professional.

Currently Sherman is preparing to compete for the North American Boxing Council (NABC) championship. Coming off an injury from a recent car wreck, Sherman plans on gearing up for a run at the championship with a few more fights before taking his career to the next level.

"I am ready and I think that the NABC championship is the next step in my career on the way to the WBC," he said. "I know I have what it takes to make it and I plan on putting everything I have into it to get there."

CONTRIBUTED BY Jeremy Oliver, tribal media relations.

Summer Arts Academy



Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) Fine Arts Rotation students take part in a Drama class group activity. CSAA opening ceremonies were conducted Monday, June 20 on the campus of East Central University in Ada, Okla. More than 160 participants, ages eight to 19 came from across the country to attend the intensive two-week academy.

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Holding close the value of Chickasaw, Indian history

Chickasaw archaeologist reveals Indian contributions

Towana Spivey, Chickasaw citizen and archaeologist, has had a dramatic impact on Native American history from the preservation of artifacts and history to the big screen in "Windtalkers" and "Dances with Wolves."

Spivey was born and raised in traditional Chickasaw home in Madill, Oklahoma by Ruby and Norman (Russell) Spivey. Today he still lives on the original 140-acre Chickasaw allotment of his grandparents, Henry "Buck" Russell and Gladys Rogers.

Growing up he gained a passion for history from his parents and grandmother who stressed Native American culture and the importance of remembering history.

"When I was younger my father took me on a pilgrimage to Chilocco Indian School where he attended in the 1930s," Mr. Spivey said. "Many of his classmates went on to join the Army during World War II. This experience sparked my interest in Native American history and the military."

Carrying his interest into college, Mr. Spivey graduated in 1968 from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with bachelor's degree in History and Natural Science. In 1971, he earned a master's degree in Anthropology/Archaeology and Museum Studies from the University of Oklahoma.

"Most of my classmates wanted to be teachers, something I had no interest in doing," he said. "I asked my advisor what kind of jobs there were there for history majors and I remember him replying that I could always work in the movie industry. At the time I just laughed."

Upon graduation, Mr. Spivey went to work for the Oklahoma Historical Society at Fort Washita Historic Site, as an archaeologist, where he led the efforts



Chickasaw archaeologist Towana Spivey in the recently created "Warriors Journey" exhibit at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

to excavate and fully restore the south barracks.

He worked simultaneously as Curator for the Chickasaw White House conducting research and restoration of the home to its original form, while consulting on the preservation of the 1855 Council House, historic photographs and original furniture from the 1896 Chickasaw Capitol Building.

In the mid 1970s he conducted emergency archaeological excavations in the Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge in Mississippi to remove early Chickasaw burials and was involved in raising awareness of the destruction of Chickasaw towns and cemeteries in Tupelo, Miss.

"Towana Spivey has contributed invaluable knowledge to the preservation of the Chickasaw Nation's history and culture," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Without his extensive efforts many of our historical artifacts may have been lost."

In 1982, Mr. Spivey became Curator of Fort Sill National Historic Landmark Museum, a position he still holds today, overseeing 50 buildings at the 1870s historic Army post.

At Fort Sill he has researched and produced army policies involving the three Apache POW cemeteries and several Comanche cemeteries at Fort Sill, while creating many of the museum exhibits.

Since 1991, he has served as an expert witness in several cases involving

criminal jurisdictional issues in Indian Territory and the preservation of Native American property rights, most notably involving the Medicine Bluffs in Lawton, Okla.

Mr. Spivey provided historical background and recommendations for recognition of World War II Comanche Code Talkers from Fort Sill to the Republic of France, U.S. Department of Defense, and directly to the White House for awards and gold medals conferred to these individuals.

Mr. Spivey was honored as "Guardian of the Code" by the Navajo and Comanche Code Talkers after bringing the two groups together in a gathering at Fort Sill. Before that time the two sets of Code Talkers had never met.

Mr. Spivey became a historical consultant to the movie productions "Windtalkers" and "Dances with Wolves" playing an intricate role in the development of characters and historical accuracy in the making of the films.

The book "Dances with Wolves" is based on southern plains Indians. Many of the Indians characterized in the book, including Chief Ten Bears, are buried at Fort Sill.

"Michael Blake consulted with me in the 80s on several aspects of the book 'Dances With Wolves,'" Mr. Spivey said. "Originally we attempted to have the movie filmed at Fort Sill but due to filming logistics the movie was shot in South Dakota adapting the characters to Lokota Sioux."

In 2007, "Dances with Wolves" was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being culturally, historically, and aesthetically significant.

Other broadcast accolades include providing extensive information or appearing in over 40 TV documentaries on

Native American western military history for the History Channel, Discovery, HBO, British, Japanese, Australian and Norwegian Broadcasting Companies.

Mr. Spivey has presented official briefings on Native American and military history to the Republic of China, Soviet Union, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, members of the Armed Services Committee and numerous U.S. Congressmen.

"Warrior's Journey," set to open in 2009, is a new exhibit to the Fort Sill National Landmark Museum featuring 21 detailed exhibits involving Native American history at Fort Sill.

"The exhibits were created through extensive research, personal knowledge, donations from other museums and collection of artifacts gathered over many years at the museum as Curator," said Mr. Spivey.

Created by Mr. Spivey, "Warriors Journey," details the impact of Native Americans in the military, from Comanche Code Talkers to Geronimo. The exhibits feature the lives of Native Americans and how they became intertwined with the U.S. military.

Mr. Spivey is currently in the final stages of publishing, "Silent Witness, the Diary of a Historic Tree at Fort Sill." "The book is a historic recollection of Fort Sill told from the perspective of the oldest living tree at Fort Sill," said Mr. Spivey.

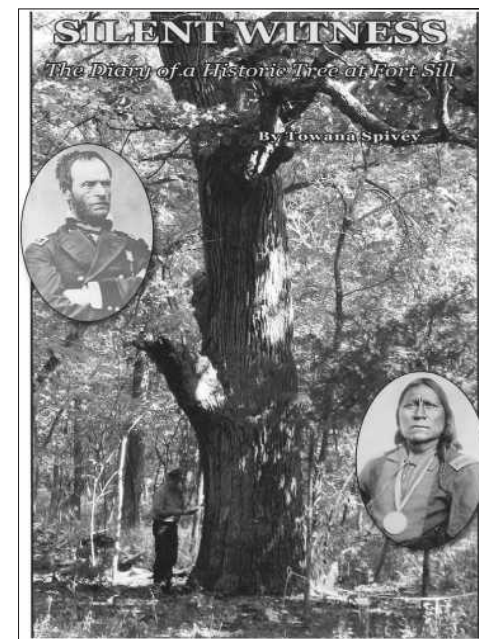
The book will be available at the museum this year.

To see the "Warrior's Journey" exhibit or visit Fort Sill Historic Landmark Museum, public hours are Tuesday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on tours, research assistance, or special events call (580)-442-5123.

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A new Fort Sill exhibit featuring World War II Comanche code talkers.



Cover from the new book on historic Fort Sill written and published by Towana Spivey.

'Chikashsha Saya' kids learn the basics of Chickasaw culture, traditions

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw games, food, language and traditions were the norm during the annual Chikashsha Saya (I am Chickasaw) Camp, July 13-15 at Camp Goddard near Sulphur.

Seventy Chickasaw children, ages eight to 12, learned more about their cultural and heritage during the camp through games, demonstrations and a little friendly competition.

Campers learned how to play stickball, squirrel stick throw, all about traditional blow guns, along with lessons on fry bread and Chickasaw words. Campers were divided into Chickasaw clans during camp.

When asked what being Chickasaw means to her, 10-year-old Leigh Davidson said, "It means



Shelby Smith, Tishomingo, studies her handbook of Chickasaw words, phrases, colors and other items during the camp.

you know all the (Chickasaw words for) colors and you are part of a larger group."

Shelby Smith, of Tishomingo, said "It's cool just learning about your culture," as she studied a booklet of Chickasaw phrases, words, recipes, colors, and numbers.

Chickasaw Nation employee and mother Dawn Horton has volunteered

as a counselor at the camp for three years and looks forward to the camp every year.

"It's as educational about the Chickasaw culture to me as the kids, and I enjoy being around the future of the Chickasaw Nation," she said with a wide smile.

When asked how they liked the squirrel stick game, brothers Cole and Cade Keeling, of Ada, agreed when brother Cord said, "We like to hunt and fish, but I like to use BB guns more than sticks." Bailee McCurdy, 11, said she had been to four Chickasaw Nation camps this year. Arts Academy and Camp Survivor are her favorites.

"I like to meet new people. I am happy to learn more about my culture," Bailee said.

Chloe Imotichey, of Ravia, said she enjoyed her first visit to camp.

"The only thing I don't like about it is the extreme heat," Chloe said.

Temperatures topped 105 degrees during the July afternoon on the shores of Lake Arbuckle.

Paige Young, 10, of Ada, went to camp for first time, "so I would have something to do this summer."

Campers devoted a lot of time at camp learning the Chickasaw language. Instructors reviewed words, colors and numbers during the three-day camp.

All the campers hard work led to a language competition among the clans on the last day of camp.

Campers also participated in activities unique to Goddard Youth Camp, including touring the museum and digging for fossils in the fossil pit.

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Chloe Imotichey, Ravia, right, tries out a blow gun under the watchful eye of Jeremy Wallace at Chikashsha Saya Camp, conducted at Goddard Youth Camp near Sulphur last month.

Mike McKee

Campers enjoy 'inspiration and perspiration' at FCA Competitors Camp



Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne, left, and Haydoe Keyo George Tsosie cool off and enjoy free time during FCA Competitors Camp.



Kalli Moore prepares to serve during the volleyball competitions at FCA Competitors Camp.

STUART, Okla. - Twenty Chickasaw students participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Competitors Camp July 10-14 at Camp Walk on Water (WOW) near Stuart.

Nearly 300 Oklahoma students attended the camp. Campers participated in athletic, spiritual and leadership training through inspiration and perspiration. "Inside Out" was the camp theme. During the camp, each student was encouraged to be "Inside Out" spiritually and athletically as they pursued individual goals.

Students participated in basketball, volleyball and football competitions as well as water sports, ropes course and team building competitions. Students also

broke up into huddle groups led by college athletes and FCA members for worship and personal growth.

Each year the Chickasaw Nation sponsors 20 students to attend FCA Competitors Camp. For more information, contact Melissa Wilkerson at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

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Diamond Dennis prays with her huddle group during FCA Competitors Camp.

Marcy Gray

'Discipline, trust, respect and hard work'

Chickasaw boys fire up for Champions Football Camp

ADA, Okla. - Drills, defense and discipline were in focus during the seventh annual Chickasaw Nation Champions Football Camp, July 9-11 at the Ada High Football Complex.

More than 90 young Chickasaw male athletes turned out for three days of hard work and instruction from Josh Heupel, former University of Oklahoma quarterback, plus a host of outstanding coaches.

The young men, ranging in age from seven to 18, perfected their throwing, running, blocking and passing skills. They also learned the importance of hard work, respect for others and teamwork.

Young lives are not the only

beneficiaries of Chickasaw Nation youth camps.

Bradley Johnston, of Fort Worth, Texas, brought his sons Spencer, 10, and eight-year-old Charlie to football camp for the second year. He said he benefits from the camp just as much as his sons.

"Coming to camp inspired me to become a Little League coach," he said.

Johnston utilizes principles stressed at both Chickasaw Nation Football Camp and Winter Baseball Camp and applies them when coaching his baseball team.

"We went to the (Little League) Championship series based on the tactics utilized at

camp," he said.

Other Little League coaches have asked Johnston for his coaching secrets. He tells them he only repeats what he and his sons learn from camp.

"I have an 11-page binder full of tips I have learned from both camps that other coaches want to borrow," he said.

The sports camps and long practices, he said, are a lot of work, but worth the effort.

"I tell my sons the things that you are most proud of are the things that are the most difficult to achieve."

The family is grateful for the Chickasaw Nation's commitment to giving youth the opportunity to experience such things as football and baseball camp.

"We are very appreciative of what the Chickasaw Nation does for the youth," Johnson said. "Each year, my sons write Governor Anoatubby a thank you card."

Day of Champions Football Camp, sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, is led by Ken Heupel, a 40-year coaching veteran.

"This camp deals with four principles," said Heupel. "It develops discipline, trust, respect, and the capacity for hard work."

"We are also finding ways to teach them how to be better citizens, and better in life."

Other camp coaches include

Earle Mosley, Brian Miller, Jerry Dominquez, Josh Norman, Brandon Shelby, Matt Rice, Justin Iske, Waleed Gaines, JD Harris, Eric Richardson, Lee Blankenship, John Norman and Jacob Parten.

Each coach on the roster has coaching or playing credentials from major universities, including the University of Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Baylor and University of Arizona.

The impressive roster of coaches is what brings Taw Jackson Scaff, of Sulphur, Okla., back every year.

"And Sooner Ball," he added.

"Sooner Ball" is a football game played by campers each day at camp.

The final game is played with parents and guardians on the last day of camp.

Chickasaw Nation Football camp is one of the many youth camps offered at no charge to Chickasaw students. Camps are funded by contributions from the tribal businesses operated by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

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Coach Josh Heupel, right, makes a point at Football Camp.

Mike McKee



Ty Martin works on his defensive stance at Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Football Camp, July 9-11 in Ada.



The "water bucket" game, where teams race to the finish line with full water buckets while trying not to spill a drop, was just one of the fun drills at Football Camp.



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68 girls improve skills

Chickasaw girls hit the diamond for Softball Clinic

LATTA. Okla. - Sixty-eight dynamic Chickasaw softball players spent two days in the July heat perfecting their skills during the sixth annual Chickasaw Nation Softball Clinic, July 20-22 at the Latta High School softball facility.

The athletes worked on hitting, fielding and base running under the close direction of area high school coaches and volunteers.

The camp was divided into two sessions. Thirty-six beginning and intermediate players met July 20-21, and 32 advanced players were in session July 21-22.

Players ranged in age from nine to 18 and traveled from all over the Chickasaw Nation from towns including Ada, Mill Creek, Konawa, Davis and Sasakwa.

Cuterra Love, of Ada, said she learned how to hit the ball further at the clinic.

"I usually hit it straight to the pitcher," she said. "I also learned how to bat correctly," she said demonstrating her new batting technique.

Nine-year-old Sierra Brown has played softball since she was four and said she learned many new techniques and tips from softball camp. She plays catcher for a team in Wewoka.

Softball Clinic coaches included Micha Noland, David Griffin and Kevin Tiger, all of Davis; Jimmy Foster, Latta; Jamie Graham, Ada; and collegiate player Kristen Morris, of Temple University.

During closing ceremonies, Jay Keel, administrator for the tribe's Youth and Family Services Division, praised the girls for their hard work and encouraged the players to take advantage of opportunities, like the camp, to learn and grow.

Each participant received a duffle bag for her hard work.

Softball Clinic is one of many of the sports, education and youth camps and clinics offered at no charge to Chickasaw students. Contributions from the businesses of the tribal Division of Commerce pay for the camps.

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Sierra Brown, Wewoka, rounds third during a scrimmage at Beginner and Intermediate Softball Clinic, conducted July 20-21 at Latta High School's softball facility.



Softball clinic participant Pakanli Ramsey keeps her eye on the ball during batting practice.

Archery Clinic



The tribal Division of Education hosted two archery clinics in July. Chickasaw students ages eight to 12 attended the July 7 clinic and students ages 13 to 18 attended the July 8 clinic. Pictured are Jordan Hatton, left, and Wade Miller practicing their archery skills.

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185 kids on the courts

Chickasaw cagers get coaching from major college players



Zora-Rose Chapman and her brother, Devon.

Mike McKee

More than 185 Chickasaw youth perfected their basketball skills area during the fifth annual Chickasaw Nation Basketball clinic, conducted at Ada and Ardmore July 1-2.

Four players from the University of Oklahoma women's and men's basketball teams led the group. The OU women players were Abi Olajuwon and Carlee Roethlisberger. The men's players were Ryan Wright and Tony Crocker. Also lending a hand was Ken Frantz, East Central University women's coach; Terry Shannon, ECU men's coach; Jeff Malloy, Ada Junior High; and Southwestern Oklahoma State University assistant coach Laura Hamilton.

During the two-day, two-city camp,

players were coached on dribbling, shooting, rebounding, passing and defensive techniques.

Tips for being successful in life were also interspersed in the lessons and drills.

Tatum Hill, an eighth grader at Ada Junior High, dreams of one day playing women's basketball at the University of Oklahoma.

"It's really cool," to have the collegiate athletes as coaches in the camp, she said.

"I'm trying to get faster," she said.

Zora-Rose Chapman, seven, said "I learned how to dribble from side to side," as she demonstrated her new skill. "I learned how to shoot, too."

Her favorite game was the "shootout game" where teams would compete to see who could make the most baskets during a timed period.

She attended camp with her brother Devon, a fourth grader at Homer School.

"My favorite part, was all of it," he said.

During a question-and-answer session on the last day of camp, the collegiate players encouraged the group to stay in school, work hard, pay attention in class and practice diligently. Being a success on an off the court was stressed.

"You have got to work when no one is looking," said Roethlisberger.

Questions ranged from "Who has the biggest foot on the team?" to asking the OU women to name the toughest team they ever played.

Both Olajuwon and Roethlisberger answered "University of Connecticut."

"We gave 100 percent and their team was just better, and sometimes that happens," said Olajuwon.

Other coaches were asked to tell the youngsters what they look for in a potential recruit.

ECU Coach Frantz answered "a player who takes care of the basketball, plays hard all the time, no matter what the score."

"I think the kids learned a lot and had a good time, we try to keep it fun," said Roethlisberger. "They have a lot of energy, and that makes our jobs fun."

"There are some pretty good ball handlers and the kids worked hard," Crocker added.

Crocker, a guard, is a junior from San Antonio, Texas. He made a team-high 34 starts in the team's 35 games. He is ranked third on the squad with a 11.3 scoring average.

Wright is a junior at OU. The forward transferred to OU last year from the



Tatum Hill dreams of playing collegiate ball.

University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

As a sophomore, Roethlisberger played in all 37 games as a reserve forward. She scored a season-high 12 points against Arizona State and reached double-figure scoring five times.

Olajuwon played in 27 games as a reserve center as a junior. Her hometown is Los Angeles.

Both camps, conducted in the morning in Ada and in the afternoon in Ardmore, culminated with a medal ceremony and a player's autograph session.

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Future officers see opportunities

Cadets experience law enforcement at Lighthorse Academy



Lighthorse Sergeant Robbie Williams helps police academy cadet Evan Walters with his aim at the shooting simulator.

Mike McKee

ADA, Okla. – Several Chickasaw youth spent four days of their summer vacation learning more about crime scene investigation, traffic stops and the intricacies of law enforcement during the second annual Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Academy, June 29-July 2 at Lighthorse Police Headquarters.

Twenty young cadets got an inside look at a life in law enforcement with lessons including self-defense, safe firearm handling and CPR.

Cadets were issued their own utility belts for the duration of the academy. They learned how to use handcuffs and utilized a shooting simulator.

Cohen McKenzie, 16, applied for the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Academy because he is interested in law enforcement as a career.

The Plainview (OK) High School junior

learned there was more the Lighthorse Police than he originally thought.

"There are a lot of opportunities in the Lighthorse Police Department," he said.

Cadets learned of the departments and special teams within Lighthorse: the dive team, tactical team, K9 units, dispatch and investigations. Each cadet also had an opportunity to see police gear first-hand. They also watched a taser gun demonstration.

A visit to Ada's Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training



Lighthorse officer Jose Ramirez directs cadets as they practice push ups. Calisthenics were included each day of the police academy.

(CLEET) facility was also included. Cadets learned how to take fingerprints and investigate a mock crime scene.

The final day, cadets were dispatched to mock traffic stops and other scenarios and practiced the new skills they

"This academy gave me a better appreciation of all law enforcement officers, because I learned what they do and how they do it."

Mariah Scott

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Academy cadet

acquired.

The scenarios were Chase Horton's favorite part of the academy.

Chase, 13, said he was also interested in law enforcement.

"I also learned more about SCUBA diving, gun safety, defensive moves, custody and control," he said.

"This academy gave me a better appreciation of all law enforcement officers, because I learned what they do and how they do it," said Mariah Scott, of Davis.

"I also learned to shoot a gun," she said, "and we learned how to do kicks, strikes, and self defense."

When asked her favorite part of the academy, she answered, "handcuffs."

Gunner Cash, of Ada, learned about what an officer does and now he is considering a career in law enforcement.

During the closing ceremony, Chickasaw Nation Division of Self Governance Administrator Tom John and Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal awarded the top three shooting competition awards. They were: moving targets – first, Kyle Treat; second, Garrett McKenzie; third, Ezra Johnson. Large targets – first, Morgan Levert; second, Garrett McKenzie; third, Kyle Treat.

Small targets – first, Zachary Hudspeth; second, Morgan Levert; third, Kyle Treat.

For more information about Chickasaw Lighthorse Police or Chickasaw Nation Youth Camps, log on to www.chickasaw.net

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Lighthorse Police Academy cadet Chase Horton conducts a mock traffic stop on the Council on Law Enforcement Education Training (CLEET) track during the police academy, June 29- July 2.

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Aviation and Space Academy attracts Chickasaw students from across the country



Brent Tolbert, left, of McKinney, Texas, was the CNASA Super Top Gun winner for the senior division and Jason Morgan, of Ada, Okla., was the CNASA Super Top Gun winner for the junior division.

ADA, Okla. - Participation in the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) nearly doubled this year.

Almost 80 Chickasaw students grade five through 12 engaged in classes in science and technology.

Conducted June 22-26 at the education science, technology and math building in Ada.

Through CNASA, students participate in an action-packed week of learning about space, science, math, aviation, technology and engineering careers. Several Ada-area and Oklahoma Chickasaw students attended with students traveling from Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada, and Texas to partake in the educational academy of science and technology.

"CNASA allows Chickasaw students to explore the endless opportunities available in the science and technology fields," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "These areas of science and technology are in need of fresh, young minds to succeed as our next pilots, engineers, scientists and inventors."

Students experienced several

hands-on activities including rocket constructing and launching, LEGO programming, airplane simulators and flying in actual airplanes at flight school in Denton, Texas. They had the opportunity to view and learn more about the Hubble Space Telescope, as well as view educational videos about the solar system. Students also learned more about the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics and Lego Leagues.

During the academy, several awards were presented to students who strived to do their best and learn as much as possible. Awards were presented for best rocket design, best egg drop design, best paper airplane, best hovercraft design and movement and best team creed. The top gun award and super top gun award were also presented to students who excelled above and beyond during the academy.

CNASA is an annual program established in 2003. The academy is open to Chickasaw students grades five through 12. For more information about CNASA, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Mikolyan Begaye, of Norman, Okla., prepares his rocket for launching during CNASA June 26.

Marcy Gray

Chickasaw students selected for national Space Academy

For students and adults alike, going to the moon, reaching for the stars and becoming an astronaut is merely a dream. However, this summer 24 Chickasaw students took their first steps of turning their dreams into a reality.

The Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math Program selected 12 students to attend Space Academy and 12 students to attend Advanced Space Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, June 13-20.

The U.S. Space and Rocket Center is the nation's leading hands-on space science museum. Through space camp, the goal is to excite and educate children ages nine through 18 in the field of math, science and technology.

Space Academy is designed for students ages 12 to 14. The campers were immersed into a six-day experience that encouraged teamwork, problem solving, communication skills and self-confidence. The students participated in the robotics track in which they were permitted 10 hours of designing and programming a robot using LEGO Mindstorm software and



A Space Academy instructor buckles Chase Horton of Ada into the Five Degrees of Freedom machine that limits gravity to make participants feel weightless.

material.

Students ages 15 to 18 participated in the Advance Space Academy. During this week-long program, the trainees received real hands-on training as well as learning the mental, emotional and physical demand of what is like to be an astronaut. The students had the

opportunity to work on satellites and experienced gravity free weightlessness situations. While some of the students focused mainly on the pilot track of what it takes to command a space shuttle, others focused on being a mission specialist and were instructed in the engineering and design of the shuttle and space stations. Shuttle and space station repairs were simulated in the UAT SCUBA Tank creating an environment similar to space to create a realistic space walk.

Both academies are an exhilarating opportunity many students do not receive the chance to experience. To be selected, students must submit an application, an essay no less than 500 words, an academic grade report, a citizenship card or certificate, all parental consents and be willing to learn, have fun and make new friends.

The application deadline is April 15 of each year. For more information, contact Sara Willie at (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

Contributed by Sara Willie, science, technology and math manger for the division of education.



Autumn Underwood, of Ada, receives her graduation certificate after completing a week of training during Advanced Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Scholarship, grant applications due to Higher Ed by September 1

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education fall scholarship and grant application deadline is approaching. Completed applications are due to the Higher Education Department September 1, 2009.

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department offers scholarships and grants for full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate and doctoral Chickasaw students. The scholarships and grants provide funding for tuition, fees and books for those students pursuing degrees from an accredited institution of higher education.

The scholarship and grant fall semester application deadline is September 1, the spring semester deadline is February 1 and the summer semester deadline is June 15. Students must submit completed applications

by deadline indicated each semester to be considered. Only completed applications received by the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department will be reviewed.

Scholarships and grants are available to all Chickasaw students living within or outside Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Students must be Chickasaw and possess a Chickasaw citizenship card. Eligibility requirements vary depending on the type of scholarship or grant.

For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the higher education department at (580) 421-7711, deborah.hook@chickasaw.net or www.chickasaweducationservices.com.

CONTRIBUTED BY Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

Strawberry Bars

½ c.	All purpose flour
½ c.	Whole wheat flour
1 c.	Rolled oats
6 T.	Margarine
1/3 c.	Light brown sugar
¼ t.	Baking powder
Pinch of salt	
¾ c.	Strawberry jam



Mike McKee

1. PREHEAT oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large bowl, MIX everything together except the strawberry jam.
3. MEASURE out 2 c. of this mixture. Leave the rest in the bowl and SET aside.
4. Take 2 c. of the mixture and PRESS into the bottom of an 8 x 8 inch square pan. COVER the entire bottom of the pan.
5. Using a large spoon, SPREAD the strawberry jam on top of the mixture in the pan. SPREAD evenly.
6. Using the mixture that was left in the bowl, SPREAD over the strawberry jam and PRESS down lightly.
7. BAKE for 25 minutes. REMOVE the pan from the oven and allow it to cool for at least 15 minutes. CUT into 12 squares.

Makes 12 servings

Nutrition Information: 190 calories; 6 g fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 55 mg sodium; 32 g carbohydrates; 2 g dietary fiber; 2 g protein

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MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Aging and your metabolism

People think because they age they automatically have a slower metabolism than when they were younger. Well, yes, your metabolism does slow down as you get older, but not for the reasons one believes.

It does not slow down because you get older, but instead because you stop moving as much. So if you want to make sure your metabolism doesn't slow down as you begin to age, then exercise and move to stay in shape.

Students learn about environment, culture at Environmental Camp

SULPHUR, Okla. - "Established Roots in Science and Math" was the theme for the foundational Environmental Camp conducted by the Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math Program July 6-8 at Camp Goddard near Sulphur.

While at camp, 18 students learned aspects of nature through plants and animals. The students learned about a variety of insects and explored the outdoors on trail hikes. They also learned about their Chickasaw culture by creating native artwork, listening to tribal stories and speaking the Chickasaw language.

Students learned how science and math relate to the environment. They also engaged in a great outdoor experi-

ence.

"I made a lot of new friends and learned a lot about the environment," said camper Brooke Colungo.

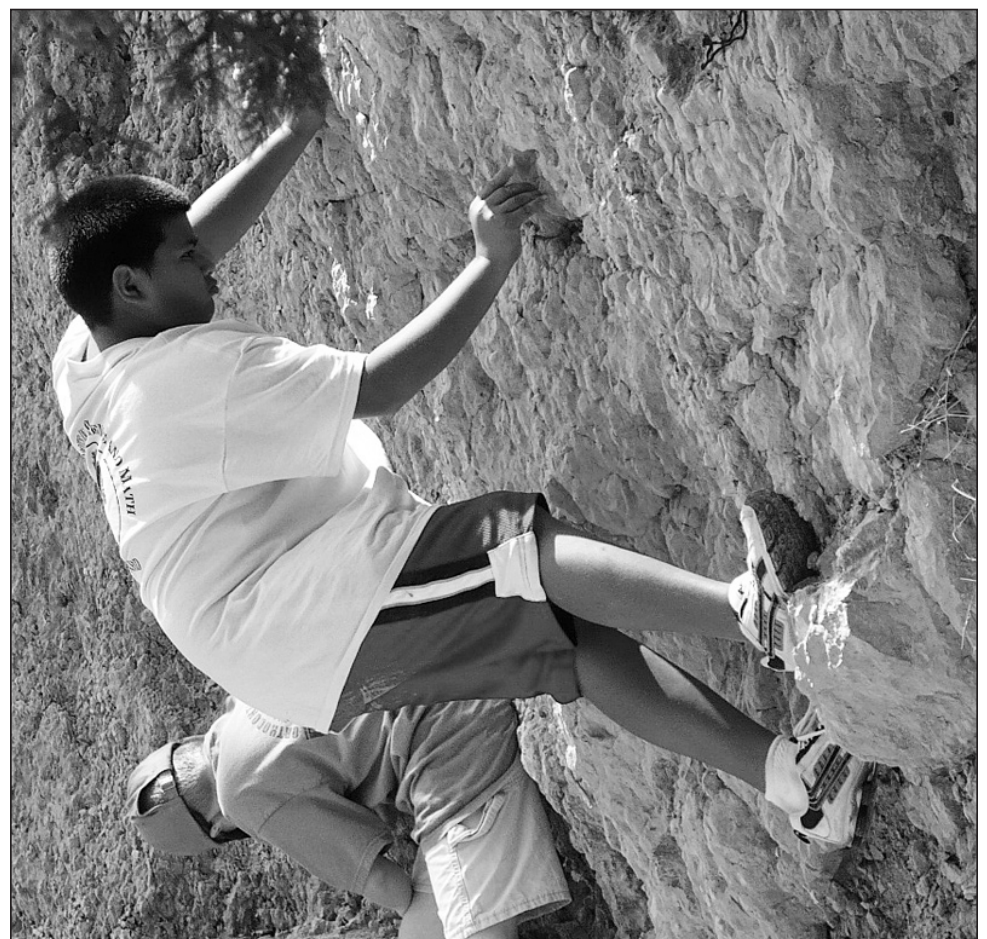
Environmental camp is for Chickasaw students completing fifth through eighth grades. To be selected for environmental camp, students submit an application, provide a copy of their citizenship card or certificate, provide all parental consents and be willing to learn, have fun and make new friends.

The application deadline is April 15 of each year. For more information, contact Sara Willie at (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Courtney Burris and Caroline Keel study rocks during a trail hike at Environmental Camp.



Aric Easley-Wade digs for fossils during Environmental Camp at Camp Goddard July 6-8.

Children's Village students enjoy Southeastern college experience



Participants in the 2009 Chickasaw Prep Academy held on the Durant campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Left, bottom to top, Tim Boatmun, Selina Taylor, Morgan Haydel, Jessica Kretschmar, Jessica Evans, Leslie Scheerger, Destiny Brown, Dr. Bryon Clark. Right, bottom to top, Echo Adcock, Krystall Barnes, Michele Claxton, Dr. Shannon McCraw, Jenny Jones, Kim Haydel, Matt Haydel, Chris Wesberry, top right.

DURANT, Okla. – Southeastern Oklahoma State University recently hosted a week-long Chickasaw Prep Academy.

The Academy provided students of the Chickasaw Children's Village an opportunity to participate in a simulated college-going experience through the camp on SOSU Durant campus. Students were offered an academic experience, creative expressive programming, college prep activities, leadership games, and recreational activities.

The event was sponsored by SOSU Continuing Education, Native American Center for Student Success, and the Chickasaw Nation. Michele Claxton is the Director of the Continuing Education Program at SOSU.

The theme for the week was "Bats," and it was facilitated by several SOSU professors. Dr. Bryon Clark, Dean/Professor of the School of Graduate/University Studies and bat expert/enthusiast, provided instruction in an academic experience where students were afforded the chance to be introduced to the bat world, including photography, feeding habits, biology and important roles bats play in ecosystems as well as their role in cultural stories and myths.

Dr. Clark provided the framework to involve students in a simulated com-

munity "problem" with bats. Students addressed the issue faced by a community. The activity culminated in a community council meeting at the end of the Academy.

David Barnes, associate professor of Fine Arts, and Krystall Barnes, local artist and SOSU outreach specialist, instructed students in a creative expression experience in art and literature. The instructors also initiated discussions on bats as they relate to Native American culture and pop cultures.

Students had opportunities to develop self-portraits as bats with special emphasis on the super hero concept.

Other programming included college prep activities covering financial aid/scholarship planning, higher education Native American opportunities, career opportunities, ACT prep, library technology, and academic preparation.

A wellness program was provided each day with students learning the importance of proper nutrition and benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

Leadership games included stickball and history presentation by Curtis Billy, as well as a special presentation on Chickasaw history by Dr. Brad Lieb, Special Assistant in Cultural Affairs for the Chickasaw Nation.

New WIC offerings include grains, fruit, vegetables

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) implemented a new food package on August 1, 2009. The new food package offers many exciting options.

The campaign developed to introduce the new foods is entitled More Color, More Flavor, More Life! New foods offered include whole grain bread and other whole grain products, canned beans, fruits and vegetables, soy milk, canned fish and tofu. New food options will be offered in addition to current foods which include milk, cheese, dry beans/peas, peanut butter, eggs, cereal and juice. For the first time, infants will also receive infant food fruits and vegetables and infant food meats.

The WIC program serves approximately 4,000 women, infants and children each month. WIC is a short-term intervention program designed to influence lifetime nutrition and health

behaviors in a targeted, high-risk population. In addition to the special food package offered through the program, WIC also provides nutrition education and breastfeeding promotion and support through registered dietitians and breastfeeding peer counselors.

WIC provides cost savings to qualifying families, helps to ensure normal growth for infants and children, reduces levels of anemia, increases immunization rates, improves access to regular health care/social services and improves diets.

To be eligible for WIC, participants' income level must be at or below 185% of the poverty level or on Medicaid and have one documented nutritional risk. Children are eligible for WIC until they reach their fifth birthday.

For more information about the WIC program, please call 1-888-436-7255.

WIC is an equal opportunity provider.

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Family Fun Run/Walk set for September 19 in Purcell

PURCELL, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor a Family Fun Run/Walk from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., on September 19 at the Purcell Clinic, 1438 Hardcastle Blvd.

The goal of the event is to help increase physical activity and combat diabetes. Diabetes is one of the most serious health challenges facing American Indians and Alaska Natives in the United States.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Indians and Alaska Natives are 2.2 times more likely to have diabetes when compared to the general population.

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of the disease. With type 2, the body does not produce enough insulin, or the body's cells ignore the insulin. Insulin is essential for the body to convert glucose to energy.

The body normally breaks down sugars and starches from food into

glucose. Insulin then takes the sugar from the blood into the cells. When this process does not happen, glucose remains in the blood and builds up instead of going into cells. This occurrence can starve cells for energy and, over time, high glucose levels may harm your eyes, kidneys or heart.

Diet and exercise are key factors in eliminating and reducing the risk of diabetes. You can make a big impact on your health by making a few small changes including eating healthier and increasing your physical activity.

Plan to attend the Family Fun Run/Walk with your family and friends to help increase physical activity and combat diabetes.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation Family Fun Run/Walk, please call Brandon Rogers at (580) 310-9661.

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The Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! Program Announces Classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington

August 4: 10 a.m. and noon
August 6: 10 a.m. and noon
August 11: 10 a.m. and noon
August 13: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook

August 5: 10 a.m. and noon
August 12: 10 a.m. and noon
August 13: 6 p.m.
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

August 4: 10 a.m. and noon
August 5: 10 a.m. and noon

August 11: 10 a.m. and noon
August 12: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

August 4: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
August 7: 10 a.m. and noon
August 11: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
August 14: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family! Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day! Classes offered on each day feature the same recipes during the times of availability.

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Frosty Lime Dessert Bars

- Cooking spray
8 Graham crackers
1 ¾ c. Artificial sweetener
1/8 t. Cinnamon
2 T. Margarine, melted
1/3 c. Lime juice
2 c. Plain low fat yogurt
1 c. Whipped topping, reduced fat frozen, thawed



Mike McKee

1. SPRAY 8 x 8 inch square pan with cooking spray. SET aside.
 2. CRUSH graham crackers, reserving 2 T.
 3. COMBINE graham cracker crumbs, ¼ c. artificial sweetener, cinnamon and margarine, MIX well. Firmly PRESS mixture evenly on bottom of prepared pan; SET aside.
 4. COMBINE 1 ½ c. artificial sweetener and lime juice. STIR yogurt into lime mixture. FOLD in whipped topping.
 5. SPOON mixture over graham cracker crust. SPRINKLE with reserved graham cracker crumbs.
 6. COVER and FREEZE at least 4 hours or until firm.
 7. Let STAND at room temperature 10 minutes before CUTTING into 9 bars.
- Makes 9 servings**

Nutrition Information: 110 calories; 5 g fat; 5 mg cholesterol; 65 mg sodium; 15 g carbohydrates; 0 g dietary fiber; 4 g protein.
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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ADA

National Night Out

August 4, (580) 272-5509

“I Love My Child” Walk in the Park

August 15, (580) 436-3419

Chipota Chikashshanompoli
(Chickasaw language club for children ages three to 12)

August 15, (580) 332-8685

Chipota Chikashshanompoli
(Chickasaw language club for children ages three to 12)

September 19, (580) 332-8685

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council

2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, (580) 421-4994

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma Community Council

4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, (580) 564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, (580) 564-4570

KULLIHOMA

Stomp Dance

August 21, (580) 332-8685

Elders Cultural Day

September 11, (580) 332-8685

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council

2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Todd Griffith, (405) 615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council

1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Linda O’Hagan, (405) 350-3311

PURCELL

Annual Fun Run/Walk

September 19, (580) 310-9661

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council

4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

TISHOMINGO

Native American Summer Film Series

August 7, (580) 371-9769

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council

3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, (580) 371-3351

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council

Lynn M. Dorrough, (909) 213-7273

Sacramento Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Chickasaw Outreach 866-466-1481

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado

Quarterly Meetings
Stephen Bingham, (303) 377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita

3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219 or Pam Harjo, (316) 393-0696

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly Meetings
Vadare Cornelison, (505) 332-1776

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly meetings
Janis Bell, (360) 686-0540

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas

San Antonio, TX Area
Michele Moody, (210) 492-2288

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas

Austin, Texas Area
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, (512) 258-7919

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
John C. Atkins, (972) 271-0692

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Marshall County Community Council

Marshall County Chickasaw Council will host it's Seventh Annual Music Fest, Silent Auction, and Indian Taco meal on August 15, 2009. We encourage everyone to place this event on their calendar and plan to attend this enjoyable event.

A drawing for the riding lawn mower, TV and DVD, also a yard clean up will be drawn at the event.

The event will be at 1400 Enos Road, Kingston, Okla., The Chickasaw Community Center, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

For more information contact Sarah Lea at (580) 564-4570 or (580) 564-0795; Delilah Arterberry at (580) 564-6568; or Joyce Waggoner at (580) 795-3520 or (580) 795-6514.

We look forward to seeing everyone again this year!

New Mexico Community Council

The New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council had its first pot luck dinner in June. In spite of the rain a fun time was had by all. One highlight of the dinner was Evelyn Stout's fry bread.

Our long distance members are traveling from Ruidoso and Farmington, New Mexico and George Stephenson flew down from Colorado. Chickasaw Legislators Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Katie Case and Beth Alexander joined us from Oklahoma. Janet Reubin, Program Developer, Department of Culture and History, gave an informative presentation about the Chickasaw time capsule and encouraged everyone to include something. Frankie Jarrell, our reporter, has resigned and Cynthia Harrison, at-large board member, has been appointed the new reporter. Our Education Committee is available to assist anyone with Chickasaw education benefit forms. Call Molly or Rusty Rodke (505) 471-5947. At our next council meeting on September 19, Dinah Worcester, manager, Genealogy & Archive Center, Chickasaw Nation will speak on "Tips for researching genealogy and family history." We will meet at 1 p.m. at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian

Church, 8600 Academy NE, Albuquerque, NM. Watch for the post card announcement of the meeting which will be mailed early September. Contacts: Vadare Cornelison (505) 332-1776 or Rita Yepa (575) 834-2012.

Central and South Texas Community Council

On July 12, 2009, six of the District Legislators of the Chickasaw Legislature visited with members of the Chickasaw Community Councils of Central and South Texas.

Legislature Chairperson Linda Briggs gave an overview of what the Legislature has been working on and the areas that the body felt would confront the Nation in the future - protecting tribal sovereignty being the item of major concern. Then Legislators Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert and Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott each spoke of the areas of tribal efforts they had hopes of improving for all Chickasaws. These areas included protecting our culture and history, maintaining and improving health care, wise use of tribal resources and providing for our youth and our elders.

The Legislators encouraged the members to attend the Annual Festival and Business Meeting in late September and early October and the openings of the Chickasaw Cultural Center and the new Hospital when each is completed.

Each of the Legislators answered questions from the Council members.

Janet Reubin spoke to the membership about how each citizen is encouraged to contribute to the Chickasaw Cultural Center Ittapatkachi Time Capsule. Janet distributed notecards for the members to record stories, family histories or just thoughts to share for inclusion in the time capsule. She told the councils that in addition to the notecards, the Nation is asking citizens to contribute 4X6 family photographs, 9X9 quilt squares or family tree forms with as much information as they can about their family tree.

Lona Barrick also spoke to the councils about the events

that the Arts and Humanities Division are preparing, including another production of JudyLee Oliva's play "TeAta" and the first showings of the second series of Mike Larsen's Elder Series to be named "They are Proud."

The Council members, the Legislators and Chickasaw staff which were present all enjoyed a potluck dinner which included Pashofa and used their time to interact with one another in typical Chickasaw social fashion. Members also had a chance to see the Chickasaw Language Phraselator demonstrated which the Chickasaw Nation has provided the councils.

North Texas Community Council

The North Texas Chickasaws didn't meet in July but will gather again on August 29 at the Bedford Boy's Ranch from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Our speaker will be Ms. Micah Watson, a representative from the U.S. Census Bureau with information on 2010 Census.

Please join us for food, information and a good time with other Chickasaws living in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex area. For more information contact John Atkins at (972) 271-0692.

Wichita Community Council

Todd Griffith, of Newcastle, a Chickasaw who still lives and works on his family's original allotment land, spoke to members of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita at its July 19 meeting.

Griffith is the chair of the Chickasaw Community Council of North Pontotoc District in central Oklahoma. Griffith brought a stack of books on the programs offered to Chickasaws at large, those living outside the confines of the Chickasaw Nation. He explained some of the many benefits of the at-large program and told how to contact officials in the various Chickasaw offices and urged members to read the book from cover to cover.

Todd's wife Leslie was also a guest at the meeting.

A nucleus of members is preparing to begin sessions

on Chickasaw Language studies in the fall. Kent Rowe announced that if members have any stories or poems that they would like to have translated into the Chickasaw Language, he would be glad to make the translations.

Plans are being made for a covered-dish picnic on Saturday, Oct. 10, on the Sedgwick County Park grounds. Joyce Barnes is in charge of arrangements.

Council members voted to allow the Mid-America All-Indian Center to mention the Commu-

nity Council and its activities on its new Facebook page on the Internet, according to Lynn Stumblingbear, Council chair.

The Wichita Council recently provided materials and volunteers for four sessions on Chickasaw culture in a "Share the Culture" series at the Mid-America All-Indian Center. The series is free and open to the public.

The next meeting of the Council will be August 16 at the Mid-America All-Indian Center.

Full-time positions open at Chickasaw Nation Health System

The Chickasaw Nation Health System has full-time, immediate openings within the tribal boundaries for qualified medical personnel in the following specialties:

- 1 Physical Therapist, Ada
- 1 Internal Medicine Physician, Ada
- 1 Family Practice Physician, Ada
- 1 Psychiatrist, Ada

For details on any of the professional positions listed above, please contact:

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Chickasaw Nation Health System

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Chickasaw Foundation seeks donations of Indian artwork for annual art auction

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 13, 2009. This reception is held annually to recognize donors and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the foundation and its scholarship program. In 2007 we established the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance).

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students and staff have completed the 2009 summer session and are beginning to plan recruitment and student activities for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Before returning to their local schools, the students were given one final opportunity for learning and fun. Staff members took the classroom on the road, leading each group of students (sophomores, juniors, seniors, and the Bridge students) on a week-long learning adventure.

For the sophomore class, it was off to Dallas. The students were given the opportunity to tour the University of North Texas (UNT) and join a question-and-answer session with current UNT attendees. They also participated in various cultural and educational activities such as touring the Holocaust Museum and the John F. Kennedy memorial site in Dallas as well as watching a traditional cattle drive in downtown Fort Worth.

The juniors traveled to Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the

week. While in Little Rock, students visited the Clinton Presidential Library and Little Rock Central High School, historical site of the "Little Rock Nine" and the first school to adopt racial desegregation. In Hot Springs, students joined in hands-on learning activities at the Mid America Science Museum (associated with the Smithsonian Institute) and explored historic "bath row," learning about the history of the natural hot springs. The students even went on a dinner boat cruise on Lake Hamilton.

St. Louis, Missouri, was the location of the seniors' week-long adventure. Students toured the Gate Way Arch, Cahokia Mounds, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Special activities included watching a production of "Camelot" in an outdoor amphitheatre and keeping statistics during a Cardinals and Dodgers game at Busch Stadium.

The Bridge students journeyed to Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama, to visit several historical sites where civil rights incidents occurred. They learned about the ways in which

Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and other civil rights activists changed history in these places. They students also toured Alabama State University and attended a Montgomery Biscuits baseball game during their trip.

With the summer session complete, students will begin the school year this fall with memories, experiences and knowledge that will last well beyond the summer months.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound staff will be retuning to the schools in August to begin the recruitment to of new students and supporting current students. The schools served by the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs are: Bray-Doyle, Davis, Fox, Madill, Marietta, Milburn, Mill Creek, Ringling, Roff, Rush Springs, Ryan, Springer, Tishomingo, Thackerville, Velma-Alma, Wapanucka, Wayne, and Wilson. For more information on the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program, please call (580) 371-9903.

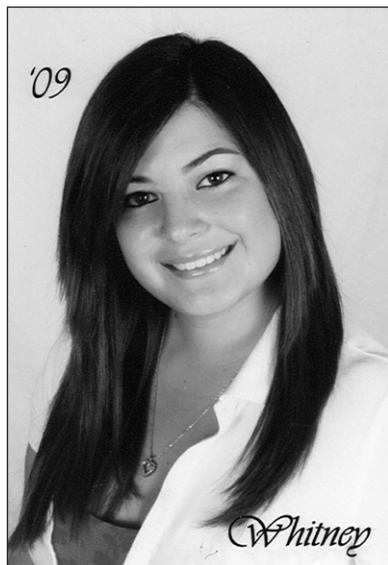
2009 GRADUATES

Whitney Mae Davis

Whitney Mae Davis is a 2009 graduate of Judson High School, Universal City, Texas. She is the daughter of Susan Davis, of Universal City and Thomas Davis, of Ada, Okla.

Whitney was active in marching band and enjoys hiking, fishing, and shopping. As part of her graduation present she toured Europe with her sister, Sonia and their mom.

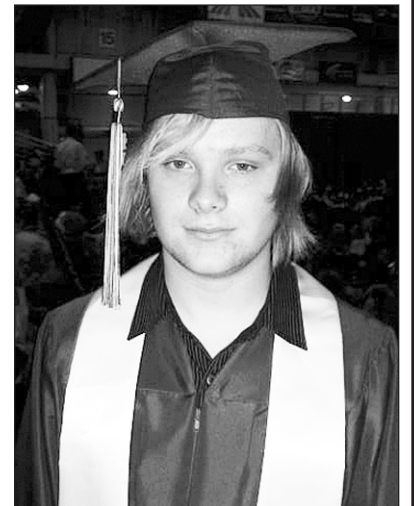
He plans are to attend Midland College, Midland, Texas.



Robert Douglas Holeton

Robert Douglas Holeton is a 2009 graduate of West Valley High School, of Yakima, Wash. He is the son of Nancy Leslie Fife, of Naches, Wash., and Robert D. Holeton, of Yakima. He is the grandson of Danny and Helen Leslie, of Cowlitz, Wash., and Charlene Holeton, of Tieton, Wash., and the late Bob Holeton. He is the great-grandson of the late Walter and Fannie Leslie and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Nannie Wade Leslie, the wife of William I. Leslie.

Robert currently attends Yakima Valley Community College on a Careers at Work Scholarship.



Amanda Gabehart



Amanda Gabehart is a 2009 graduate of Central Connecticut State University (CCSU). She is the daughter of Rich and Louise Gabehart. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Bernice Gabehart and the great-granddaughter of Jesse Mae Thomas, an original enrollee.

Amanda graduated with a bachelors degree in psychology and had a cumulative grade point average of 3.53. She walked the ceremonies wearing the Chickasaw Nation honor stole and the honor cords bestowed by CCSU.

Kelli N. Dennis



Kelli N. Dennis is a 2009 graduate of Hutchinson Community College, at Hutchinson, Kan. She received her degree in applied sciences, major psychology. She is a 2007 graduate of Newcastle (OK) High School and served as valedictorian of her graduating class. Kelli is the daughter of Chickasaw citizen Allen Dennis and Amy Dennis.

Kelli's other honors include, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average, President's Honor Roll, and an Academic All-American applicant. Kelli was a scholarship awarded athlete on the Blue Dragon's fast-pitch team playing middle infield. She was named to the District II District D Regionals (first team) and Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division Team (second team). Kelli's other highlights include hitting a homerun over centerfield against Highland, April 19, 2009.

She graduated as a sophomore and plans to continue her education career at the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Congratulations Kelli for making the Nation proud!

Bow, rifle, muzzle loader, youth hunts

Kullihoma fall deer season permit requests now available

Special Permit Requests for Kullihoma Fall Deer Season Hunt and Youth Deer Season Hunt are now available at the Chickasaw Conservation and Ranger Department.

The department office is located at 221 N. Rennie in Ada, Okla., and the phone number is (580) 310-6466.

Permit Requests must be completed and returned to the department office no later than 5 p.m., Aug. 31.

All Permit Requests must be accompanied by a copy of applicant's CDIB. If the hunter applying was born after Jan. 1, 1972, a copy of the hunter's Oklahoma Hunter Education Course card must also be included.

Youth hunters who receive a Special

Permit for the Kullihoma hunt must always be accompanied by an adult while hunting.

Special Permit Request form and Youth Special Permit Request Form are included in this issue of the Chickasaw Times.

Dates of the Kullihoma hunts are:

Traditional Bow Hunts – Oct. 1 to Oct. 15; Oct. 19 to Oct. 23; Nov. 2 to Nov. 20; Dec. 7 to Jan. 15, 2010.

Rifle Hunts – Nov. 21 to Dec. 6.

Muzzle Loader Hunts – Oct. 24 to Nov. 1.

Youth Deer Gun Hunts – Oct. 16 to Oct. 18.



Special Permit Request

Fall Deer Hunt on Tribal Land----Kullihoma Reservation

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Vehicle: Car--- or--- Truck

Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Year: _____ Tag #: _____ Emergency Contacts# _____

Circle Desired Hunts: Gun-----Muzzle Loader-----Traditional Bow/Arrow

Attach a copy of CDIB card.

The completed permit request and attached copy of CDIB card can be mailed to or dropped of at:
Chickasaw Nation Rangers Department, 221 North Rennie, Ada, OK 74820.
For more information call (580) 310-6466.



Youth Special Permit Request

Youth Fall Deer Hunt on Tribal Land----Kullihoma Reservation

Youth Hunter Name: _____ Age: _____

Parents Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Emergency Contact# _____

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Kindling a small flame

The Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program - Part II

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Just fifteen years ago, Chickasaws wanting to study the tribe's language without access to one of the then few hundred remaining Chickasaw speakers had very few options. They could obtain the tribe's first dictionary (1972), compiled by Jesse and Vinnie May Humes, which contained 258 pages of corresponding Chickasaw and English words.

Or they could get a copy of the just out 1994 Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary, authored by linguist Pamela Munro and Chickasaw speaker Catherine Willmond. In addition to a much larger word list, the 500-plus page book offered instructions on how to use the dictionary and a lengthy essay on the structure of Chickasaw words. But as good and useful as it was, and is, imagine trying to learn to speak English from books.

In the intervening years, language activities and projects were carried out piecemeal by the Nation and by a few individuals. Working at times for the Nation and independently, native speaker and teacher Yvonne Imotichey Alberson produced or helped produce Chickasaw language materials and became the first Chickasaw to teach the language for credit in an elementary school (in Tishomingo). Geraldine Greenwood taught Chickasaw language at Mill Creek. Chickasaw speaker JoAnn Ellis also produced material and introduced the language into Head Start programs for pre-schoolers.

All of these materials and effort was useful, but was not part of an organized and coordinated program. That didn't happen until two years ago when the essential components—institutional structure, leadership and funding—came together to enable the Nation to begin developing a long-term, coordinated, cohesive and inclusive program devoted not just to saving the language, but revitalizing it. In fact, it is named the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program.

The core of that program is the Master-Apprentice Program, which was described in Part I in the July issue of the Times. Basically, a native-born speaker meets every day with an apprentice who wants to learn or improve Chickasaw conversational skills. The master tutors and mentors but the apprentice must be highly motivated because responsibility for learning is on him or her. Last month, 13 apprentices graduated from the program. One of them is the language program's director Joshua Hinson. The hope, he says, is that "we will pass on our language knowledge and skills in some way, whether it's teaching family members or people in community settings."

Master-Apprentice is the heart of the Nation's language program, he says, because it is integral to learning to speak conversational Chickasaw. But because many of the few active masters are elders—many in their 60s, 70s and 80s—the program is finite. Probably within 20 years, very few if any masters will still be active. So revitalizing the language requires other components that do not involve masters or don't totally depend on them.

Language Opportunities

Since 2007, a variety of options have become available. They can be grouped into three general categories: academic, community based and self help. Many of the latter two are listed on the tribe's website, Chickasaw.net. To navigate, click on culture, then language, then language activities. "Some 2,313 unique user visits were made to these online resources in the second quarter of 2009," Hinson says. "And our staff

does about 50 translations a month. So there's plenty of interest in our language. Our small staff is continuing to produce the tools and means to meet these needs. The Chickasaw "word of the day" is available to see and hear on the website. We have audio recordings and flash cards, Chickasaw stories and cartoons on DVD—all free for the asking. Call our office at 580-272-5318."

One important offering is the Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) Language Club, says Hinson. "It serves children ages three to twelve, offering Chickasaw language learning opportunities in a fun and immersive environment."

The club originated with Lisa John, administrator of the Division of Education, and is a collaborative and successful project of that division and the language department. "Staff have given much time and energy to making this club successful," Hinson notes. "The proof is in the pudding: our kids won two first place prizes at the 2009 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair!"

One project that was completed a few months ago, Hinson says, "involved the scanning of every piece of language-related information that had been produced in the last 30 years and organizing it onto what we call 'the Archive' CD. Next year we intend to work with Digital Design and Development and Public Affairs to present this content more attractively and professionally and post it on Chickasaw.net. But interested people can contact us now and we'll send them the CD, which is a treasure trove of information. I want to emphasize that these offerings won't turn people into fluent speakers. But they provide language enrichment to Chickasaw citizens because they want it and deserve it. This language is a gift from our ancestors. We want to help people access that gift."

For Chickasaws who live in the 13 county service area, the language program contracts with fluent speakers and language facilitators to offer community study groups that meet for 26 weeks a year in communities including Ada, Purcell, Tishomingo and Ardmore. The program also teaches Chickasaw language in numerous Individual Development Program (IDP) classes offered for Chickasaw Nation employees. One several week, noon-time session that was recently concluded was attended by about 20 people. It was taught by Chickasaw language specialist John Dyson, a retired language professor from Indiana University. On the day I was present, I sat next to Jerry Imotichey, who was there to serve as a resource. Jerry was also a master in the Master-Apprentice Program and was mentoring his apprentice, Professor Dyson.

What about Chickasaws who are interested in the language but live outside the 13 county service area? Any formally organized Chickasaw community council can ask Hinson to make a language presentation to their group. Within the past year, Hinson and native speakers Stan Smith or JoAnn Ellis, made presentations at community councils in San Antonio and Austin, Texas, and Wichita, Kansas. The introductory programs of some six to seven hours were part entertainment, part motivation and part information on how the members can begin learning the language themselves with the materials the staff brought to them.

At the presentation in Wichita last March, council members were "bowled over by the staff's professionalism and passion for revitalizing the language," says

council chair Lynn Stumblingbear. The members, according to their chair, paid rapt attention to Hinson's 90-minute demonstration of an electronic language device called a Phraselator because "we knew that it was going to be left with us for as long as we wanted to use it." As Hinson told them, the Phraselator "is about as close as you can get to actually speaking with a fluent Chickasaw speaker."

According to Don Thornton, the Phraselator was developed by the U.S. Defense Department so that soldiers could communicate with host-country nationals, particularly in war zones. He adapted the device for tribes and sold about 20 of them to the Chickasaw Nation. Small enough to fit into a purse, Thornton says, Phraselators can store about 80,000 phrases that can be accessed on a touch screen or can be spoken into the device in English or the Native American language. They can be used in classroom situations or by individuals.

Stumblingbear says several of the members check it out for a week at a time. "It is user friendly," she says. "If you can use an Mp3 player, you can use the Phraselator. Josh told us that nothing can replace talking with a real live native speaker, but the advantage of the Phraselator, she adds ruefully, is that it never gets tired."

Academic Studies - High school

Revitalizing the language depends on the training and placement of Chickasaw language teachers in schools in the 13 county service area. One end of the pipeline began this month at the high school in Byng, a small community near Ada. Instead of taking French or Spanish for their foreign language credit, 25 or so students enrolled in Chickasaw. It was the first time the Chickasaw language has been offered as an accredited world language high school course, anywhere, anytime.

Most of the students were Chickasaw (though enrollment is open to any student), but probably few if any were familiar with the language and the method of teaching employed by Hinson was as foreign to them as the language itself. This summer, Joshua split his time preparing for the course along with presiding over the annual evaluation of the language program, doing public relations, conducting research and development and responding to his share of the ever-increasing number of language questions.

Fortunately for Hinson, he already was familiar with the method of instruction, the essential requirements of which combine the ability to speak Chickasaw well, be creative and quick witted. Having a sense of humor is nice, too. Called Total Physical Response Storytelling (TPRS), the method developed by educator Blaine Ray is simultaneously teacher-centered and student-interactive. According to Hinson, it is language learning in the context of a story, rather than learning it by memorizing words and grammar rules. So every class session is story time and no English is allowed.

"The TPRS story and associated story details offers endless variety, but I'll keep it simple. Even so, a story could take two to four weeks to complete," Hinson says. But whenever it ends, "the students have learned a lot, all in the context of the story. Research data indicates that TPRS is an effective and efficient way to learn language, at least with the romance languages. We'll see if it is as good with Chickasaw."

Similarly, the language program staff used con-

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textual learning in two summer language camps, a sports camp and a family immersion camp in Stroud. English was limited, only allowed outside of the defined immersion activities. At all times Chickasaw language was encouraged. All of the Chickasaw language that the campers learned was in the context of a story or a situation or as part of a game. For example in baseball, if you're the batter, you have to say in Chickasaw you are going to hit the ball and then you have to hit it. The same goes with running the bases and with pitchers and fielders. Speak Chickasaw first, then do it."

The high school course at Byng is the first of four progressive semesters and will satisfy the world language requirements, Hinson says. Next year, Chickasaw I and II will be offered concurrently. "By the end of that first year students should be speaking from novice low to novice intermediate levels. At the end of the two years, students should be at the novice high or intermediate low level. The measurements are not vocabulary specific, but how well you communicate. A high intermediate can speak in a limited number of social situations and can understand a lot of what's being said in a conversation in Chickasaw."

Academic Studies - ECU

With the completion of the four semesters, students will also know that they are on a track—if they wish to continue it—which could culminate with a career as a teacher of the Chickasaw language. The pieces are not yet all in place, but this past spring semester marked the first time that the language had been offered for credit in college, at East Central University in Ada.

The three-hour course was principally taught by JoAnn Ellis of the language program staff. Ellis, a native speaker and certified teacher, was assisted by Indian language development expert Cedric Sunray, anthropologist LaDonna Brown and native speakers Stanley Smith and Jerry Imotichey, the brother of Yvonne Alberson, the language teaching pioneer who died in 2004. The main reason for all the guest appearances, according to Ellis, is that the language and culture are inseparable.

One of the students, Tracy Hicks, said she appreciated the fact that JoAnn and the staff didn't teach the language in a cultural vacuum. "From the beginning, JoAnn told us our course goals included familiarity with the vocabulary and the culture. And we learned pretty quickly that the language and traditional culture are not dying, but are undergoing a remarkable renaissance, and that we were part of it."

Hicks said though the classes had structure, there was a variety of learning opportunities that included interactive exercises, games, and yes, drills on the vocabulary words. There was a fair amount of reading and writing assignments as well. The course emphasized learning on different levels, hearing it, seeing it, writing it, doing it. Sometimes simultaneously."

One sizeable obstacle that takes students awhile to understand and overcome is that English and Chickasaw are quite different, Hicks says. If you try to understand Chickasaw by applying what you know of English, you will be very frustrated. Hinson says that Chickasaw, like many American Indian languages, is verb-focused, and evolved quite differently than a language such as English, which is noun-focused. If you know the root verb or noun in Chickasaw you build from those to a far greater degree of communication than an English speaker would think possible.

Take holisso for example. (Its archaic meaning was finely spotted or marked. Today it means paper.) While the meaning has changed to an extent, Ellis says, we still use that root word holisso to make new words

by adding onto it either at the front, back or in the middle. Hinson shows me a long list of words made from holisso that translate to student, teacher, desk, pen and so on. You can see the relationship of the nouns in English when you know the meaning of each word but in Chickasaw, you can see their relationship because they all contain the same root word.

Getting back to the career track, Hicks says JoAnn told the class that this course is the first of four levels of Chickasaw that will be developed and taught at ECU. Hinson adds that he envisions a capstone course of advanced conversation/creative writing. Once a syllabus for each of those levels has been produced, Chickasaw could be taught at other universities—except for one significant obstacle: not enough teachers.

That is why the language staff spoke from time to time about their hope that some of the high school and college students will consider a career teaching Chickasaw. After two years of high school, two years of college, and participation in the Master-Apprentice

program, the graduates would be fully prepared to teach, although none of them would be as fluent as a life-long Chickasaw speakers Ellis, Stan Smith and Jerry Imotichey.

Tracy Hicks loved the course and has enrolled in the second level this fall and hopes to participate in the Master-Apprentice program that will begin in October. In addition, she says she will continue to take each new level at ECU even though she expects to graduate in Native American Studies this December from ECU. "I'm committed in two ways. I want to support the Nation's attempt to integrate the study of the Chickasaw language into what I hope will become a discipline called Chickasaw Studies."

She also is committed to learning as much Chickasaw "as I can so that I can continue teaching my two-year-old son, Jacob. And I eventually want to volunteer to teach the language in community settings. This is my way of paying back for what my mentors and teachers have done for me. It's the Chickasaw way."

Credit Where Credit is Due

"The great strides we have taken in the last two years are not solely due to the efforts of a few people," says Joshua Hinson, "but rather the collaborative efforts of many generations of Chickasaws. We are simply building on the groundwork laid by the ancestors, work continued by good people like Yvonne Alberson, Geraldine Greenwood, Joann Ellis, Vera Tims, Lisa John and the Division of Education. The

institutional support and encouragement given to our program from Governor Anoatubby, Lieutenant Governor Keel, Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham and the entire Division of History and Culture has been an integral part of the early successes of this program."

Hinson continued: "We are seeing a growing synergy tribe-wide when it comes to language, as divisions increasingly adopt Chick-

asaw language into their day to day business. Chickasaw Nation Health Systems, the Legislative branch, Division of Commerce and the Food Distribution Center have worked with our program to develop Chickasaw language initiatives specific to their day-to-day operations and programs. It is an exciting time to be involved in our language work."

Okchamali (Blue) Baptist Church burns



The historic Okchamali (Blue) Baptist Church near the Chickasaw Nation community of Connerville burned early Sunday morning, July 26. The large portion of the church that burned was nearly 100 years old. The structure has been declared a total loss. Many of the families that attend the church are Chickasaw, and the church has been the spiritual home for generations of Chickasaws and other Indian people. The structure itself was insured and the congregation plans to rebuild the church. However, the contents of the church were not fully insured and will have to be replaced. Pastor Larry Hawkins led the congregation in worship on the church basketball court Sunday as volunteer fire units from Connerville, Tishomingo, Bromide and Ravia finished controlling the fire. Blue Baptist Church regularly has 125 to 150 for Sunday services.

Photos courtesy of James Gastineau.

JULY 2009 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 26-053
Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.
Mr. Bill Lance

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Bill Lance to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Mr. Lance will fill a new seat on the Board, and is appointed by virtue of his position as administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce. Mr. Lance will fill an unexpired three-year term of office ending on October 1, 2011.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-054
Authorizing the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, Inc. to Participate with and Accept Funding on Behalf of the Community from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs

Explanation: As of this year, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is mandating that all tribal Boys & Girls Clubs have a tribal resolution in place that supports all future funding from the OJP. This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, Inc. to receive any funding supported by the OJP. All funding received from OJP enables the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, Inc. to continue serving youth within the Chickasaw Nation.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee
July 6, 2009
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs
Finance Committee
July 8, 2009
Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
Human Resources Committee
July 6, 2009
Present: Dean McManus, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs
Land Development Committee
July 6, 2009
Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Connie

Barker, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
Legislative Committee
July 8, 2009
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert
Legislative Committee of the Whole
July 13, 2009
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
Absent: Holly Easterling, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-055
Application for Recovery Act – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant – Formula Grant

Explanation: This stimulus formula grant opportunity has been released. The Chickasaw Nation has been allocated \$1,022,300 but must make application to receive an award. Matching funds are not required but leveraged, in-kind funds in the amount of \$25,384 have been budgeted, comprised of a percentage of salary for a project coordinator. The grant allows for multiple projects designed to increase energy efficiency and decrease energy costs as well as the composition of a tribal energy plan. Six projects, in addition to the written energy plan, will be submitted. Project one is the energy plan. Project two is the replacement of old heating/cooling system at the Tishomingo Health Clinic. Project three is replacement of old heating/cooling system at the IT building in Ada and the replacement of all the old light bulbs with new, energy-efficient LED light bulbs. Project four is a computer power management system designed to more effectively manage computer updates and the amount of energy consumed by unused computers. Project five is a headquarters campus retrofit project including replacement of heating/cooling systems at headquarters main building, the David Stout building and the nutrition services building. This project will also include a light bulb replacement component at the David Stout building and the nutrition services building. All three buildings will receive occupancy sensors to turn off the lights in unoccupied rooms. Project six is the replacement of heat pumps at the Chickasaw Nation Health System warehouse. Project seven is an unspecified project to be determined by

the energy plan.
Presented by: Human Resources Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-056
Approval of Development Budget Amendment Ardmore Elder Housing

Explanation: The Ardmore Elder Housing will provide safe and comfortable housing for our elders. The project is to build 4 duplexes in Ardmore on the existing Carter Seminary campus that has existing facilities to serve the elders, including a Nutrition Center, Community Center, Wellness Center and a Senior Center which provides daily meals to our elders. There is also a large storm shelter steps away from the proposed location.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Ardmore Elder Housing, Project Number 30-0076-08, in the amount of \$888,000. The project will be submitted for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through NAHSDA.

Presented by: Finance Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-057
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Bryan County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's with the acquisition of real property in Colbert, Bryan County, Oklahoma, described as:
Lot 1, Less the North 70 feet thereof, and all of Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in Block 3 of Custom Corners in Bryan County, Oklahoma, according to the

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2008-2009 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

<u>Pontotoc District</u> Seat #	<u>Pickens District</u> Seat #	<u>Tishomingo District</u> Seat #
1. Holly Easterling 105 Thompson Drive Ada, OK 74820 (580) 399-4002 holly.easterling@chickasaw.net	1. David Woerz P.O. Box 669 Ardmore, OK 73402 (580) 504-0160	1. D. Scott Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3960
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3. Katie Case 14368 County Road 3597 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 421-9390	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods 4736 Chickasaw Trail Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scottides@telepath.com	<u>Panola District</u> Seat #
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409 bethalexander22@hotmail.com

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
June 19, 2009**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, Marilyn Coltz, Administrative Assistant

Guests present: Traile G. Glory, Ashley Large, Todd Griffith, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, Nancy Elliott, Tom Bolitho, Robyn Elliott, Dana Hudspen, Winter Bass, Forrest Cheadle

AGENDA ITEM #3 APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE

Chairperson Briggs appointed Ms. Holly Easterling as Secretary Pro Tempore.

AGENDA ITEM #4 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #5 READING OF MINUTES - May 15, 2009

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the May 15, 2009 minutes

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2009 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6: ELECTION OF SECRETARY
Chairperson Briggs relinquished the Chair to Ms. Easterling.

Ms. Briggs nominated Ms. Holly Easterling as Secretary. Ms. Barker seconded the nomination.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz for nominations to cease and Ms. Easterling be declared Secretary by acclimation.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes
Member abstaining: Holly Easterling

1 abstention
The motion for nominations to cease and Ms. Easterling be declared Secretary by acclimation carried.

Ms. Briggs regained the Chair from Ms. Easterling.
AGENDA ITEM #7: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #8: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

Ms. Easterling announced the upcoming Public Hearing and concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number – 26-049, Approval of Application for Funding – U.S. Indian Health Service Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) 6 Grant Funding opportunity HHS-2010-

IHS-NARCHVI-0001, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers: 93.933

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Department of Health and Human Services for researching, planning, piloting and establishing a family resource center for the Chickasaw Nation through a U.S. Indian Health Service Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) 6 Grant. The grant award amount is up to \$1,100,000 per year, for up to four years. The Chickasaw Nation Health Services would approve prospective research projects through the Tribal Institutional Review Board, and collaborate with the University of Oklahoma to facilitate and complete such projects.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-049.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR26-049 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-050, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ARRA) for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a facility in which family members of Carl Albert Indian Hospital patients may stay overnight at reduced or no cost, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The progress on this project will be provided in the development budget monthly report.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-050.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR26-050 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-051, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society (Michael Cornelius)

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Michael Cornelius to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Cornelius will fill an unexpired term ending on October 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-051.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR26-051 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-052, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, (Adam Stafford)

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Adam Stafford to the Board of

Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Stafford will fill an unexpired term ending on October 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR26-052.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR26-052 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

General Resolution Number 26-045, Authorization for Granting of Real Property in Murray County

This resolution authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to conclude the granting of said property, free and clear, from the Chickasaw Nation to the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation for use in accordance with the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA). This property is to be utilized as an activity site for the NAHASDA program.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-045.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR26-045 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-046, To Correct General Resolution 22-037, (Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County)

This Resolution re-affirms and corrects General Resolution 22-037 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the real property described in said General Resolution as follows: Property Location: Murray County; Use: Parking; Purpose: Economic Development

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR26-046.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR26-046 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-047, Right-Of-Way Easement in Pontotoc County

This resolution authorizes and approves a Right-of-Way Easement granted to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the purpose of addressing drainage issues and the reconstruction of a bridge. This easement would provide ODOT with the land necessary for this construction. Without this easement ODOT will not have sufficient space for the construction of their drainage structure and bridge.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-047.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR26-047 carried unanimously.

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recorded plat thereof. containing 1.89 acres, more or less,

AND

A part of Tract 1 of Custom Corners in Bryan County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof, described as beginning at the Northwest corner of said Tract 1; thence N 89° 29' 04" E along the North line of said Tract 1 a distance of 216.41 feet, to a point 273.26 feet West of the Northeast corner of said Tract 1; thence S 00° 10' 47" E a distance of 268.58 feet to a point on the North right - of - way line of U.S. Highway 75A, said point being 224.66 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Tract 1; thence S 89° 06' 14" W along the North right - of - way line of U.S. 75A, a distance of 213.34 feet to the Southwest corner of said Tract 1; thence N 00° 50' 00" W along the West line of said Tract 1 a distance of 270.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.33 acres, more or less.

Property Location: Colbert, Bryan County, Oklahoma

Use: Senior Site

Purpose: Self-determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 26-058

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's acquisition of real property, in

Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, described as:

The NE/4 of SE/4 of SE/4 of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 8 East of the I.B.M., Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 10.02 acres, more or less.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A.

in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: Pontotoc County, Oklahoma

Use: Cemetery site

Purpose: Self-determination

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-059

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's acquisition of real property, in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, described as:

The North half of Block 24 of the Revised Chickasaw Heights Addition and the East twenty-five feet of vacated Chickasaw Boulevard bounding the West line of said North half of Block 24 and the North half of Block 64 of College Hill Addition, both lying within the City of Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: 920 Locust Street, Ardmore, Oklahoma

Use: To be utilized as location for the Division of Education and the Division of Youth and Family Services

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo

Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-060

Right-Of-Way Easement in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a Right-of-Way Easement granted to People's Electric Cooperative for the purpose of constructing and maintaining fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electric current and communication messages. This easement would provide PEC with the land necessary for this construction. Without this easement PEC will not have sufficient space for the construction of their electric current and communication fixtures.

Property Location: Firehouse Tract, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma

Use: Easement to People's Electric Cooperative

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-061

Authorization for Exchange of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property through a like-kind exchange in Tishomingo, Johnston County Oklahoma, described as:

The South 25 feet of Lot 4 and all of Lot 5 in Block 77, Original Townsite of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, containing 0.34 acres, more or less, in exchange for the property described as:

See attached "Exhibit A"

Property Location: Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma

Use: Like-kind exchange for Capitol Expansion

Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-062

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Intern Housing Duplexes

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Intern Housing Duplexes, Project Number 30-0089-09, in the amount of \$501,000. The project will be submitted for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through NAHSDA.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-063

Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains

Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the expansion of the head start located in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case,

Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-064

Approval to Participate in a Joint Venture Construction Program with the

Indian Health Service to Construct a Health Care Facility in Tishomingo, Oklahoma

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to apply for the Indian Health Service's Joint Venture Construction Program. Participation in the program requires several steps, beginning with an initial review of the proposed project which will reveal the recommended square footage of the facility and the staffing. The Chickasaw Nation will pay for the renovation or construction costs with tribal funds. Once it has been determined by the program what size of facility is justified, the legislature will be provided with an amended Development Budget, which will include the costs necessary to complete the project's requirements. Based upon population to be served and the Indian Health Service's estimate, the total project cost could be as much as \$24 million. The program provides additional operating costs to run the facility once it is constructed and is ready to function. These additional operating costs are needed because the new facility will be larger and will offer enhanced services over what is currently available.

Emergency Legislation: This resolution is needed immediately due to the fact that the pre-application deadline is August 14, 2009.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Abstain: Beth Alexander

General Resolution Number 26-065

Approval to Participate in a Joint Venture Construction Program with the

Indian Health Service to Construct a Health Care Facility in Ardmore, Oklahoma

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to apply for the Indian Health Service's Joint Venture Construction Program. Participation in the program requires several steps, beginning with an initial review of the proposed project which will reveal the recommended square footage of the facility and the staffing. The Chickasaw Nation will pay for the renovation or construction costs with tribal funds. Once it has been determined by the program what size of facility is justified, the legislature will be provided with an amended Development Budget, which will include the costs necessary to complete the project's requirements. Based upon population to be served and the Indian Health Service's estimate, total project cost could be as much as \$34 million. The program provides additional operating costs to run the facility once it is constructed and is ready to function. These additional operating costs are needed because the new facility will be larger and will offer enhanced services over what is currently available.

Emergency Legislation: This resolution is needed immediately due to the fact that the pre-application deadline is August 14, 2009.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Abstain: Beth Alexander

Emily “Sue”
Rambo James

Emily “Sue” Rambo James, 69, died June 18, 2009. Services were June 23, 2009 at Denison First Church of the Nazarene, Denison, Texas, with Rev. David Pettigrew officiating.

She was born Nov. 27, 1939 to Wade and Louise Rambo at Mead, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Billy Wade Rambo.

She is survived by her children, Kima Ramsey and husband, Morris, Jim Waters, Michael Murray, Tiffany Drake, Billy James and wife, Misti; a sister, Joann George; nine grandchildren, Stomy and Autumn Waters, Brandon Strong, Brandi Drake, Erik, and Amber Bevill, Kayla, Donovan and Gracie James; two great-grandchildren, Jericho Drake and Vivica Strong.

Bonnie Jean
Seeley

Bonnie Jean Seeley, 53, died June 6, 2009 at Valley View Hospital, Ada, Okla. Funeral services were June 8, 2009 at the Atwood Nazarene Church, Atwood, Okla., with Dr. Rusty Fuller and Rev. Larry McDaniel officiating. Interment was in Atwood Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 28, 1955 at Sulphur, Okla., to Joe and Iree (Morris) Seeley. She was raised and lived most of her life in the Holdenville area.

She loved listening to music, sitting in the shade and making crafts. She was very creative and in spite of the handicap of having only one good hand, was very good at making beautiful things.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joe Seeley; and a sister-in-law, Jo Ann Seeley.

She is survived by her mother, Iree Seeley, of Sulphur; three brothers, Jo Seeley, Jr., and wife, Linda, of Shawnee, Okla., Bob Seeley and wife, Delane, of Byng, Okla., and Billy Cox, of Forrest City, Ark.; four sisters, Truby DeShields and husband, Gary, of Atwood, Carol Snyder, of Moore, Okla., Patsy Seeley and Angie Seeley, both of Sulphur; two nephews, Jason Seeley and Kit Wilbanks; three nieces, Jadrea Seeley, LaDonna Wilbanks and Heather Mathews; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Joe Seeley, Bob Seeley, Gary DeShields, Kit Wilbanks and Jason Seeley.

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mously.

General Resolution Number 26-048, Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties, Arkansas Riverbed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Westphal Oil and Gas, Inc., (Westphal), Fort Smith, Arkansas. Westphal has agreed to compensation of a royalty rate of 4.375% for the next ten years for certain producing wells under an oil and gas lease. After the term of ten years the royalty rate will be reduced to a rate of 3.125%. The land to be leased contains 43.87 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years. The royalty rate to be paid pursuant to the Oil and Gas Lease is separate and apart from any damages associated with Westphal's prior trespass; such trespass action is subject to a settlement outside of this resolution, and outside of this lease.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR26-048.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-048 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #9 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson regarding the resolutions approved in session.

AGENDA ITEM #10 A D J O U R N - M E N T

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Holly Easterling, Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Dream of owning your own home? Need to Refinance?
Want to make Home Improvements?

CHUKA CHUKMASI is a secondary market home loan for Chickasaw Citizens and Chickasaw Nation Employees. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development (CNDHTD) can help you with the financing as well as the down payment and closing costs. Through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program, we offer Conventional, HUD 184, FHA and VA loans anywhere in the continental United States.

REFINANCING: Did you know CNDHTD can loan up to 90% of the appraised value on your home? Closing costs may be rolled into the loan, if the appraisal is high enough. Appraisal fee must be paid up front.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building? If you have been approved for your 30 year permanent financing through Chuka Chukmasi, CNDHTD can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. Interim construction is available only in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate is 5% and the term 6-9 months. During the construction phase, you will be required to make monthly interest payments on drawn borrowed funds. You will pay minimal closing costs on the construction loan at closing. Please call for further information.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS: Do you want to make needed improvements? CNDHTD may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is \$30,000.00. The interest rate is fixed at 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage on the home. Home must be your primary residence. You must pay closing costs at closing. This loan is available only in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a contractor. Call for additional details.

GRANT FUNDS: Do you need help with down payment and closing costs? Chickasaw citizens may receive up to \$3,000.00 to assist with down payment and/or closing costs when purchasing a home. You must be pre-approved thru the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program at CNDHTD for your financing. Refinances are not eligible to receive these funds. This is a one time grant. Call for more information.

EMPLOYER ASSISTED HOUSING: Employees of the Chickasaw Nation are eligible to apply for the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program thru CNDHTD. You must be pre-approved for your permanent financing through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program. Employees may receive down payment and/or closing cost assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan.

COUNSELING: Did you know that you can receive assistance with credit counseling, credit report clean-up, budgeting, loss mitigation and early delinquency intervention? Do you want to purchase a home but you know there are credit issues that might preclude you from purchasing right now? Did you know that we have a full time counselor who can work directly with you, one-on-one, to help you become mortgage ready? Maybe your credit is ok, but you just can't seem to save enough money to get started with the process and need help with goal setting and personal budgeting. Please call **Kyra Childers** at (580) 421-8817 and let her help you now.

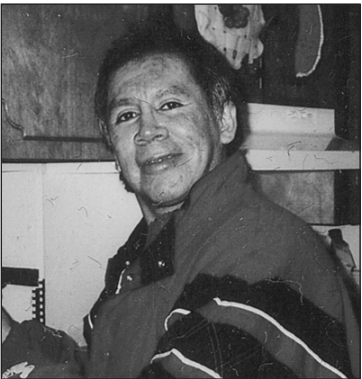
The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development
Housing Counseling & Loan Services Department

Kay Perry Director, GML, CHEC (580) 421-8856	Summer Stick Section Head, CHEC (580) 421-8862	PO Box 788 111 Rosedale Ada, OK 74820	Kyra Childers Loan Services Counselor (580) 421-8817	Johna Stringer Loan Counselor (580) 421-8845
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Michael Brown

June 27, 1959 – June 2, 2007

I thought of you today,
But that is nothing new,
I thought about you
yesterday,
And the days before that too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name.
Now, all I have is memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is my keepsake,
With which I'll never part.
God has you to his keeping,
I have you in my heart.
We all miss you, everyday is a lifetime without you.
Mom, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews.



EVENT	VENUE	DAY/DATE	TIME
Jr. Olympics Registration	Tishomingo H.S. Football Field	Saturday, Sept 26	9 a.m.
Jr. Olympics	Tishomingo H.S. Football Field	Sept. 26	10 a.m.
Golf Tournament Registration	WinStar Golf Course	Sept. 26	7:30 a.m.
Golf Tournament Begins	WinStar Golf Course	Sept. 26	9 a.m.
Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Sept. 26	9 a.m.
Chickasaw Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center	Monday, Sept. 28	6 p.m.
Cultural School Tours, Tours of Museums, Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds and West Side	Mon., Sept. 28 - Wed., Sept. 30	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Youthful Celebration, Kids Activities Tent, Petting Zoo, Inflatables	Pennington Park	Mon., Sept. 28 - Wed., Sept. 30	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Arts and Culture Awards and Reception	McSwain Theatre	Tuesday, Sept. 29	6 p.m.
Chickasaw Senior Olympics	Pennington Park	Thursday, Oct. 1	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
<u>Chickasaw Cultural Center (Sulphur) Friday Oct. 2, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.</u>			
“Behind the Scenes” film presentation every half hour	Anoli Theater		11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Picnic box lunch	Aaimpa Café’		11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Storytelling, Hymns, Living History Players	Amphitheater		11:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Cultural Demonstrations	Traditional Village		11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Mike Larsen Exhibit	Aattifama Gathering Room		11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Evening Bell Ringing and Dinner Service	Traditional Village		5:15 p.m.
“Pearl” the movie showing	Anoli Theater		12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
JC Riding Club Rodeo	Tee Pee Arena (Tishomingo)	Fri., Oct.2 & Sat., Oct.3	8 p.m.
Chickasaw Citizen Registration	Murray College/Student Center	Saturday, Oct. 3	8 a.m.
State of the Nation Address	Fletcher Auditorium- MSC	Oct. 3	9 a.m.
Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Women’s & Men)	MSC/JCSC	Oct. 3	9 a.m.
Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds/West Side	Oct. 3	11 a.m.
Mike Larsen Elders Painting/Exhibit Phase II	Capitol Building/3rd Floor	Oct. 3	11 a.m.
Chickasaw Traditional Meal	MSC Lawn	Oct. 3	11:30 a.m.
Parade	Tishomingo Main Street	Oct. 3	11:30 a.m.
Pennington Park Activities Begin	Pennington Park	Oct. 3	11:30 a.m. - 5: 30 p.m.
Stickball Demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds/West Side	Oct. 3	11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament Registration & Tournament Begins	Pennington Park	Oct. 3	12 p.m.
Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet	Oct. 3	12 p.m.
Arts and Crafts Vendors, Food Vendors	Pennington Park	Oct. 3	9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Band Day Extravaganza	Tishomingo High School	Oct. 3	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Gospel Singing	Capitol Grounds/West Side	Oct. 3	2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

MSC = Murray State College • JCSC = Johnston County Sports Complex • THS= Tishomingo High School

For additional information about the 2006 Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, call 1-800-593-3356.